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Valley Road Building: School District Seeks Proposals for Future

The Princeton Regional School (PRS) District Board of Education is seeking suggestions from the community as well as proposals from experienced design and financial services firms with respect to the future of its Valley Road property. "Now that we are almost through with school renovation it is time to turn our attention to the Valley Road building," said Chair Michael Mostoller, at a facilities committee meeting on Friday, April 21.

The District intends to maintain ownership of the property. The Board is seeking proposals for an analysis of current and potential uses by Wednesday, May 17.

"The Board has a history of seeking community input, which it welcomes," said facilities committee member Charlotte Bialek. "We want to keep the Witherspoon/Valley Road corner viable in the community." The building currently houses the offices of the Superintendent of Schools, as well as offices for Curriculum and Instruction, Human Resources, Student Services, Business, Facilities, and Transportation. In addition to Board meeting and reception rooms, the building accommodates a printing room, a maintenance workshop, bus and facilities vehicles and equipment parking, bus driver accommodations, garage, mailroom, warehouse and other storage, as well as educational programs.

According to a "Request for Proposals for Architectural Planning and Development Services" document available from the superintendent's office, the building, in its current state, "is not used optimally by the District or community." The document gives details for proposal submission and states that "in the financial environment in which New Jersey public schools find themselves, the District must continue to take responsibility for using its resources as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible."

The Board is looking for plans that would provide revenue for Princeton Schools to help offset the tax impact of growing but restricted school budgets. At the same time, however, any revenue-generating ideas should recognize the need to minimize the

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Township Introduces $31 Million Budget

Citing major increases in salaries and benefits, as well as increased contributions to affordable housing, Township Committee Monday unanimously introduced an "austere" $31 million operating budget—a 5.5-cent increase for 2006.

The hike represents about a $1.2 million increase from the Township's 2005 budget, resulting in an approximate $238 levy on the average Township home assessed at $424,079.

The 2006 municipal budget, which makes up about 22 percent of a Township resident's tax burden—the remainder going to finance schools, open space, and county tax—was illustrated by Township officials as an ongoing trend throughout the region. Kathy Shaddow, the Township's chief financial officer, cited similar increases in Princeton Borough and South Brunswick Township.

The lion's share of the municipal budget, or 18 percent of the total cost, goes to finance debt service—infrastructural improvements and repairs such as roads. Public safety, however, nearly matches debt service in its share of cost. Public safety costs include fire; first aid; emergency management; hazardous routes busing; and police. Health and Human Services, which includes Corner House, the Health Department, and deer management was next at 15 percent, followed by Parks and Recreation and the Princeton Public Library at 12 percent.

One of the biggest increases overall was the Township's $200,000 recommitment to its affordable housing program. This year, with the state's stricter mandate requiring municipalities to enact more aggressive affordable housing plans, the Township had to reinstate funding to the affordable housing program. In 2005, the Township "zeroed out" funding because of available reserves—reserves that were no longer in play this year, said Township Administrator James Pascale.

Another large increase comes in the

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Historic Designation, 'McMansions,' Aesthetics, the Issues in Littlebrook

A group of 34 houses on a portion of Clover Lane and Deer Path Road is currently being considered by the Princeton Township Historic Preservation Commission for official historic designation.

The homes could quality as historic for two reasons. First, the architecture is a clear departure from that of the standard mid-century design of Township suburbs, with one story, a flat-porch roof, two-car "carports" in lieu of a garage, and sliding sash windows. Entering the neighborhood is like entering a modern vision of a 1950s architect, in this case, the vision of noted 1950s architect David Savage.

Second, the neighbors, for the most part, love it. And some of them want that feeling preserved.

But walk through that neighborhood of low-lying homes and it's hard not to notice a 6,000 square-foot home rising on a large, 1.75-acre lot along nearby North Littlebrook Road. Talk to some neighbors, and the concerns about impervious surface coverage echo those commonly heard about large-scale homes:

"Everybody is very concerned about his type of development reaching the sky," said Olivia Applegate of Random Road, who has been vocal about chronic flooding that occurs in that area, due to a strained Harry's Brook.

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DRUMS RUMBLE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM: Library patrons heard the rumble of drums last week as percussionists from the Princeton Symphony Orchestra entertained a full house at the Princeton Public Library's Community Room with a demonstration of the sonic possibilities of their art, from pots and pans to kettle drums. Shown speaking to the crowd is PSO's William Trigg. The photographs displayed on the wall are by Town Topics photographer, E.J. Greenblat, whose exhibit will be celebrated at a 7 p.m. reception on Monday, May 1. (Photo by George Vogel)

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CELEBRATING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: Borough resident William Scheide, shown here examining a Gutenberg Bible dating to the mid-15th century, will host an ACLU event May 3 that will focus on religious freedom. (Photo by M.B. Hersh)

Spanning Generations, Bible Collection Speaks Volumes on Religious Freedom

Through his many years in Princeton and as a member of Princeton University's class of 1936, William Scheide has taught music history, founded and directed the Bach Aria Group, enjoyed his role as a philanthropist, and maintained a commitment to social causes, including serving as a senior director of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund.

But through it all the largest part of who he is has been represented by the family collection of bibles, an extensive, priceless, and breathtaking library of volumes whose content helped shape western society.

And now those bibles will be used to underline the importance of the religious freedom that the 92-year-old Mr. Scheide has cherished throughout his life.

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On May 3, he will appear at an event hosted by the New Jersey chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), at which Anthony Romero, executive director of the national ACLU will emphasize the importance of religious freedom.

And while Mr. Romero's address will celebrate its importance, Mr. Scheide's bible collection—one that spans three generations—literally speaks volumes on religious freedom.

"People are going to be coming here to see certain things that the ACLU couldn't have defended if they had been in existence at the time," said Mr. Scheide's wife, Judith McCartin Scheide.

And as Mr. Scheide unveiled a small 1644 pamphlet titled *The Liberty of Unlicensed Printing*, he said, "This is where the trouble is. This document was banned for criticizing the governor of New York." Of course, copies of this pamphlet were ultimately destroyed, making the flyer, which in modern times would have been abundant and as well distributed as any political cartoon or critical editorial, exceedingly rare.

The importance of some the early bibles are key to current religious liberties, Mr. Scheide said, because of translations from the Latin into English—a move that was largely unpopular in theological circles around 1400.

The official stance of the Church in pre-Reformation times discouraged translation of the bible, despite the efforts of well-known Oxford theologian John Wycliffe who, along with many followers, believed the Bible should be rendered into English, thus leading to greater access.

Wycliffe was condemned by Rome, along with his English translation of the Bible.

But while he was condemned, he was not persecuted. Said Scheide Librarian Paul Needham: "This wasn't like the Inquisition in Spain or Italy. Every culture or generation has its own.

"It's like today—just because something is condemned, it doesn't mean it disappears."

The William Tyndale trans-

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lation of the Bible is a different story altogether. His translations were burned, he was strangled to death, and then his body was burned, Mr. Needham said.

The Gutenberg Bible, printed in Mainz in 1455, is the most notable, because of the universal accessibility the invention of the printing press provided.

Ms. Scheide pointed to the obvious parallel to modern times. Mr. Scheide, for his part, said these books, be they frowned upon or condemned, have a staying power, as illustrated by their presence in his library within Princeton University's Firestone Library.

"Just because something's condemned doesn't mean it didn't exist."

A patron's ticket to the ACLU event will purchase a tour of the Scheide Library , a private reception with Mr. Romero and Mr. Scheide at the home of Michael and Kim Pimley in the Borough, followed by a conversation with Mr. Romero at the Pimley home. For more information, call (973) 642-2086.

—Matthew Hersh

Super Science Festival Celebrates 26th Year

The public is invited to the annual Super Science Festival, scheduled to take place rain or shine, on the grounds of the New Jersey State Museum on Saturday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Over 30 science exhibitors will present educational hands on activities including the Mad Science of West New Jersey that will present experiments and demonstrations titled Fire and Ice.

The planetarium will be showing Laser Space Chase 3D and an astronomy star program called Hubble Vision which uses images from the Hubble telescope.

The New Jersey State Museum is located at 205 West State Street in Trenton. For additional information on this event, call (609) 292-6310 or visit www.newjersey statemuseum.org.

Topics In Brief
A Community Bulletin

The **Princeton Senior Resource Center (PSRC)** will host a discussion, "Seniors on the Move," about transporation service for the region's senior community. The event, set to take place today, April 26 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Suzanne Patterson Center behind Borough Hall, will outline new transportation available for seniors 65 and over and for the visually impaired that will provide round-the-clock service provided by ITN Greater Mercer. For more information, call Greater Mercer TMA at (609) 452-1967.

Arts Council of Princeton Executive Director Jeff Nathanson will participate in a community arts panel at the Woodrow Wilson School today, Wednesday, April 26 that will address problems facing at-risk youth. Called "Hip Hop Activism: Community Arts Projects and Social Capital in Underprivileged Communities," the panel will also include community arts activists. Mr. Nathanson has a 20-year history with innovative community arts projects for at-risk youth. Stan Katz, a professor at the Wilson School and the director of the University's Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Studies, will moderate the panel. The event will begin with a performance at 4:30 p.m. in the Woodrow Wilson School Courtyard (by the fountain) and will continue with the panel discussion at 5 p.m. in Bowl 1 in Robertson Hall.

The **Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment** will continue to weigh a development proposal for age-restricted housing tonight, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall. Proposed by developer Morgan Estates, the proposal calls for 98 apartment-style condominium units in three, three-story buildings. That application would place housing on the eastern side of Bunn Drive, southeast of the Princeton Community Village. The proposal is not associated with the recently approved K. Hovnanian plan to build 140 age-restricted units on the western side of Bunn.

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Property Owners and Neighborhoods Will Work Together on Merwick Planning

As the Regional Planning Board of Princeton heard various points of view on the rezoning and ultimate redevelopment of the nine-acre tract that currently houses Princeton HealthCare System's Merwick Care Center on Bayard Lane, two themes were clear.

First, involved property owners, including the YM/WCA, Princeton University, owner of the Stanworth Apartments to the north of Merwick and contract purchaser of the Merwick lands, and Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS), all vowed to work together as the rezoning effort moves forth, including working with the historic neighborhoods that lie to the east and the west of Merwick.

Second, while it's too early to tell how the site will be designed, the Princeton Community Master Plan needs to be amended relatively soon if the discussion will continue at all.

Changes to the Master Plan would ultimately dictate zoning changes that will facilitate the transfer of property from PHCS to the University, which has expressed a keen desire to place graduate housing on the site, as well as to revitalize the 50-year-old Stanworth Apartments.

So while Princeton Future, the community-based group that examines in-town development, presented the findings of its Merwick Planning Study — an eight-architect charette held earlier this month examining the possibilities of the Merwick Tract — both Princeton University and the hospital, as well as the Y, all agreed that it is too early to start examining the site as though development were imminent.

The study, also referred to as a charette, yielded several plans from area architects and architectural firms charged to find ways to redevelop Merwick, as well as the surrounding areas.

Suggestions ranged from the sensible to the radical, but most did find middle ground on increasing pedestrian and bicycle circulation, with an emphasis on creating pathways that would adjoin the surrounding neighborhoods: all philosophical guidelines that Princeton Future organizers hope will eventually appear in the Master Plan.

Guidelines, not site plans, were what Robert Durkee, the University's vice president and secretary, hoped would ultimately prevail:

"We won't own the property for five or more years," he said. "It is possible we will won't own the property at all."

The University is currently in the process of touring its own master plan guidelines to various municipal entities in terms of future development. Tuesday night, University representatives were scheduled to go before Borough Council with their plan that promotes a denser, more pedestrian-friendly campus. It is for this reason that the school is interested in the nearby Merwick campus, rather than building housing on its West Windsor lands.

Mr. Durkee agreed with the Princeton Future ideals of pedestrian circulation and blending neighborhoods. He added that any new development on the site would be residential, and thus, taxpaying.

Planning Director Lee Solow said guidelines put forth in the Master Plan regarding Merwick do not need to be as specific as those assembled for the hospital's main campus on Witherspoon Street, largely because of the openness of the nine-acre Merwick site,

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much of which is undeveloped and wooded.

Mr. Solow noted several areas of focus: namely what building types would be desired for the site; circulation, including auto, pedestrian, and bicycle; and historic preservation.

The Planning Board's Master Plan Subcommittee is expected to meet in the coming weeks to begin drafting formal language for amendments to the Master Plan.

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This event will be held rain or shine on Sunday, April 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Johnson Education Center. Admission and all activities are free, with local enterprises, Mediterra, The Bent Spoon and Cox's Market, providing refreshments throughout the day. Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand has been named the event's honorary chair.

The event will also outline the 779 acres that have been preserved by the group in Princeton. There will also be information about accessing hiking and waking trails on these and other preserved lands provided by New Jersey Trails Association.

Children's activities include art projects, nature walks, story readings, flower arranging classes and a workshop about different species of trees and how to create bark rubbings. Registration is required and can be done by calling (609) 924-4646.

A tour of the Johnson Education Center, which will also serve as the headquarters for D&R Greenway will also be provided. Inside the Johnson Education Center's Marie L. Matthews Gallery, there is an exhibition of nature photographs taken by Ms. Matthews. All photographs are for sale and all proceeds benefit D&R Greenway. Children's art created especially for *Celebrate Open Space 2006* and the grand opening of the Johnson Education Center are exhibited in the Center's Olivia Rainbow Gallery.

Nature photographs by Nick Wood's depicting the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh will also be on display along with information about the marsh and the advocacy group, Friends for the Marsh.

For more information visit www.drgreenway.org or call (609) 924-4646.

Rockingham Hosts Day For Children

The Rockingham Association and the Montgomery High School Live Historians, will be bringing colonial days to life on Children's Day, Sunday, May 21, from noon to 4 p.m. Historic Rockingham was Washington's last war time headquarters and is located next to Kingston, in Franklin Township, on Laurel Avenue, Route 603.

Live historians will be in 18th century period dress and will assist children with the art of quill pen writing, wax stamping, wool carding, making epaulettes, and other colonial skills.

The home will be open for tours and volunteers will be working on the assembly of the farmstead "worm fence" and in the colonial kitchen garden. Admission is free, light refreshments will be served, and the museum store will have books and other items for sale. For additional information call (609) 683-7132 or visit www.rockingham.net.

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— Carolyn Argento, Prospect Street

"Long overdue."

— Richard Hankinson, Grover Avenue

"He should have resigned a long time ago. I was against this war from the very beginning because I don't believe in killing people for oil, especially, or for any other reason. Rumsfeld is so close to Bush that firing him would be like firing himself. I am an American citizen and have been living here for 23 years and I am very upset about what is happening here. I am also a Polish citizen and I see similarities to what I saw in the dark days of Poland some years ago."

— Marzena Danilewicz, Hamilton Avenue

"It is rubbish. I think that he is doing a good job. It is political hype that we are going through. I don't believe in it. It is a tough job and I don't think that anyone would do it better."

— Ursula Taylor, Caldwell Drive

"I am fine with him staying where he is now. I am not convinced that anyone else would do a better job. He serves at the pleasure of the president and the president wants him to stay there so he stays there."

— Howard Deutsch, College Road West

Centennial Year for Logician Kurt Gödel, Eccentric Genius Lived on Linden Lane

Other towns remember their illustrious residents. They put up monuments or the occasional plaque here and there. But then, as someone once said: in Princeton, geniuses are a dime a dozen, so perhaps it's no surprise that one of Princeton's most accomplished intellectuals is also one of its least celebrated.

Kurt Gödel would have been 100 years old this Friday, April 28.

At the age of 72, the foremost mathematical logician of the 20th Century succumbed to the paranold belief that he was being poisoned. He refused to eat and died on January 14, 1978. He is buried in Princeton Cemetery.

Even during his lifetime, when the implications of his work had still to be recognized by his peers, Gödel's genius was not widely acknowledged beyond academic circles. Yet in 2000, in a review of the great minds of the last century, Time magazine listed Gödel among its most influential thinkers.

Kurt Gödel's claim to fame stems from theorems in formal logic published in 1931 that are considered landmarks of 20th century mathematics. In his mid-twenties, he produced his famous "Incompleteness Theorems." The fundamental results showed that in any consistent axiomatic mathematical system there are propositions that cannot be proved or disproved within the system and that the consistency of the axioms themselves cannot be proved. His work influenced the development of computer science and has been used to make the case that the human mind is more than a computing machine.

Gödel demonstrated, in effect, that hopes of reducing mathematics to an axiomatic system, as envisioned by mathematicians and philosophers at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries were in vain. His findings put an end to logicist efforts such as those of Bertrand Russell and Alfred North Whitehead.

Friendship With Albert Einstein

Gödel came to Princeton to work at the Institute for Advanced Study, which served as a life raft to many fleeing Europe during the 1930s. He was associated with the Institute from his first visit in 1933 until his death.

Like his great friend, Albert Einstein, he lived in town, in contrast to most of the Institute's faculty, who lived on or close to the Institute's campus. Einstein lived famously on Mercer Street. Gödel lived obscurely on Linden Lane.

The two men walked together to and from their offices at the Institute. Einstein once said that the only reason he went to his office there was so that he would have the pleasure of walking home with Gödel. The physicist and the mathematical logician walked and talked in German, discussing the fine points of relativity.

Their friendship has puzzled many and the contrast between them is remarkable. Einstein has been described as playful and gregarious, happy and full of grounded wisdom and worldly experience. Gödel had been described as neurotic and solemn.

Where Einstein was avuncular, Gödel was withdrawn. Einstein was a father and a man of the world. Gödel had no children and has been described by one biographer as a case of arrested development.

With little regard to his personal appearance, Einstein often looked disheveled, whereas Gödel was always well-groomed, even dapper.

Einstein loved classical music and was an accomplished violinist. Gödel had a fondness for operetta, derived

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THE PHYSICIST AND THE LOGICIAN: This year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of the mathematical logician Kurt Gödel (1906-1978). One of Princeton's most accomplished intellectuals, he is perhaps its least celebrated. Albert Einstein and Kurt Gödel walked routinely to and from their offices in the Institute for Advanced Study. Einstein once said that the only reason he went to his office there was so that he would have the pleasure of walking home with Gödel. *(Photo courtesy of Dorothy Morgenstern Thomas)*

Kurt Gödel

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from his days in Vienna when he would accompany his widowed mother to the theater.

Occasionally even now one runs into Princetonians who recall being patted on the head by Einstein as a child. But apart from occasional stories about Gödel's eccentric behavior at the Institute, there's seems to be little record of any personal impact upon the town.

From Vienna To Princeton

Kurt Gödel was born in Brno in what is now the Czech Republic. His father was from Vienna and his mother was from Germany's Rhineland. He and his brother Rudolf were raised in middle-class comfort. The family could afford servants and a governess for the boys. Gödel, who was the younger of the two, was known affectionately as Mr. Why (der Herr Warum). According to biographer John W. Dawson, Jr., he was a bright and inquisitive child.

In his *Logical Dilemmas: The Life and Work of Kurt Gödel* (A.K Peters 1996), Mr. Dawson pinpoints the moment that prefigured Gödel's lifelong hypochondria. Gödel had a bout of rheumatic fever at the age of six. At the age of eight, he read in a medical text that a possible complication of rheumatic fever was a weak heart and he became convinced that he had such a complication.

When he was 21 and a student at the University of Vienna, Gödel met his future wife, Adele Porkert, in the Viennese nightclub, Der Nachtfalter (The Moth). Gödel's parents, especially his mother, frowned on the match and it was not until 1938 that the couple married. Rebecca Goldstein in her book *Incompleteness: The Proof and Poradox of Kurt Gödel* (W.W. Norton & Co. 2005) writes: "The catalog of maternal complaints against Adele were primarily these: she was a divorced woman of the wrong religion (Catholic), wrong class (lower), wrong age (6 years older than Gödel), wrong appearance (she had a port-colored stain on the side of her face), and, perhaps most seriously, wrong occupation (she'd been a cabaret dancer; she would tell people it had been ballet, but it hadn't)."

By several accounts, Adele was a loving support to her husband, whom she addressed as *strommer bursche* (strapping lad). Fellow mathematical logician Georg Kreisel described their relationship in *Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of The Royal Society* in 1980: "I visited them quite often in the fifties and sixties. It was a revelation to see him relax in her company. She had little formal education, but a real flair for the mot juste." She referred to the Institute, for example, as *Aftersversorgungsheim*, German for "home for old-age pensioners."

As a student at the University of Vienna, where he studied physics before switching to mathematics, Gödel became part of the famous Vienna Circle (*Wiener Kreis*), the group of mainly philosophers who met to discuss Ludwig Wittgenstein's *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*. The circle focused on questions of language and meaning and originated the philosophy of Logical Positivism. It was led by Morris Schlick, a professor at the University who was murdered on the campus in 1936 by a deranged former student, an event that horrified Gödel.

In 1938, while working as an unpaid *privotdozent* or lecturer at the University of Vienna, he was turned down for a paid position. Worried that he was to be conscripted into the German army, he fled to the United States with Adele. The couple traveled overland by Trans-Siberian railway and then by ship to San Francisco. They arrived on March 4, 1940 and subsequently settled in Princeton. Gödel held a position at the Institute that was renewed annually until he became a permanent member in 1946. He became a naturalized United States citizen in 1948 and was appointed to the faculty of the Institute's School of Mathematics in 1953.

In 1951, Einstein suggested Gödel for the Einstein Award, a move designed by Einstein to bolster his friend's morale at a time when he had been ill. Gödel received the Institute's Einstein Award in 1951, in a small ceremony at the Nassau Inn. He was the first to receive the award, jointly with the mathematical physicist Julian Schwinger. It consisted of a gold medal and $15,000 that went toward his medical bills.

After the Einstein Award, other accolades came to Gödel. He was awarded honorary doctorates from Yale, Harvard, and Rockefeller universities and from Amherst College. In 1974, he received the National Medal of Science in mathematics and computer science from President Gerald R. Ford in a ceremony at the White House.

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HONORING A SUSTAINABLE PRINCETON: Two individuals, two organizations, and two businesses were presented with the Princeton Environmental Commission's Sustainable Princeton Award, which is intended to raise community awareness of sustainable activities. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Working Toward a Lasting Community: Residents Honored for Sustainability

Two months ago, when the Princeton Environmental Commission announced that it would honor residents for their part in creating a more "sustainable" community, little did commissioners know that the award ceremony itself would be an exercise in sustainability.

The celebration, set to take place this past Saturday, Earth Day, in a blaze of sunlight on the plaza next to the Princeton Public Library, was dampened by a cold, persistent rain.

So it moved right inside to an equally qualified spot: the Community Room within the Library.

There, two Princeton residents, two businesses, and two organizations were honored for their involvement in creating a more sustainable community. The business winners were Barbara Parmette of Whole Earth and Theodore Casparian of White Lotus Futon.

The individuals were Dorothy Mullen, who has received praise for a public garden she maintains on Patton Avenue; and Peter Soderman, for the Herban Garden next to the Witherspoon Bread Company and the Princeton Writers Block that successfully occupied a vacant plot in Palmer Square North in the summer of 2004.

The organizations honored were Princeton Future, the community-based group that examines in-town development (which also bore significant influence on the outcome of the aforementioned plaza); and the D&R Greenway Land Trust, which has preserved 779 acres of open space in Princeton, and a total of 8,546 acres throughout the entire region. Greenway is also set to open its new headquarters at the Johnson Education Center this Sunday in a converted 100-year-old barn at Greenway Meadows on Rosedale Road.

"A sustainable community meets its current needs, envi-

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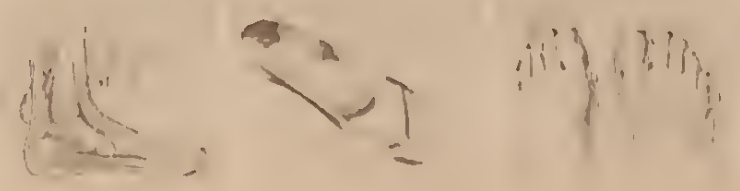

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Sustainability

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ronmental, economic, and social, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs," said Wendy Kaczerski, chair of Sustainable Princeton and a member of the Environmental Commission, adding that a sustainable community "improves and enhances local resources" by maintaining quality of life, economic diversity, and paying attention to environmental concerns.

The awards were presented by Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand and Borough Councilwoman Barbara Trelstad.

—Matthew Hersh

'Peace Train' Scheduled For Iraq War Protest

A "Peace Train" will begin in Trenton and stop in Princeton on its way to New York City this Saturday, April 29. The event, sponsored by the Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA) was put together to oppose the war in Iraq.

The Peace Train will carry supporters from the Princeton area to New York City, where a major Peace March and Grassroots Action Festival are planned under the auspices of United for Peace and Justice (www.april29.org).

Simultaneous kick-off rallies are scheduled at the Trenton Train Station at 9:30 a.m. and at the Shuttle ("Dinky") Station on University Place in Princeton beginning at 9:30 a.m. for the 30-minute pre-boarding rallies

Following the kick-off rallies, participants will board trains at 10:11 a.m. in Trenton and at 10:13 in Princeton. Each participant is responsible for purchasing his or her own train tickets.

Confirmed speakers at the Princeton pre-boarding rally are the Rev. Robert Moore, executive director of CFPA; and representatives of NJ Students for Peace, a CFPA affiliate consisting of high school students from the Central Jersey region. The Kingston Women's Chorus will perform.

After arriving at Penn Station in Manhattan at approximately 11:30 p.m., participants will meet at the corner of 33rd Street and 7th Avenue (near the station) at about 11:45 a.m. to march together to the staging area at 22nd Street and Broadway. The March is scheduled to leave from there beginning at noon and will conclude at Foley Square with a Grassroots Action Festival from 1 to 6 p.m.

The Princeton and Trenton events on the Peace Train are among at least 12 "feeder" events planned that day from throughout New Jersey. For more information, visit www.peacecoalition.org, or call (609) 924-5022.

Senior Center to Assist With MVC Photo IDs

Seniors and other Princeton residents in need of official state photo identification are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the Princeton Senior Resource Center (PSRC) on May 16, when the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) Mobile Unit will visit the Suzanne Patterson Center, just behind Borough Hall.

On Tuesday, May 16, residents can make an appointment between 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to have an ID made. The MVC mobile unit will be parked outside the Suzanne Patterson Building. This event is open to adults who meet the state's Six Points of ID and Proof of Address requirements. To read more about those requirements, visit www.state.nj.us/mvc.

Appointments will be given on a first-come basis, with a priority for disabled and older adults (over 65). Others can register for an appointment if slots are available. PSRC officials said this would likely be the only visit of the mobile unit this year. For more information, and to make an appointment, call PSRC at (609) 924-7108.

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VIVE LE JUMELAGE!; On Sunday, May 7, at the Princeton Public Library Community Room, the 20th Anniversary year of the Princeton-Colmar Sister City relationship will kick off with a special wine tasting presented by Yann Beyer of Vins Leon Beyer, who will raise a toast—en *amitié fidèle*—to the Princeton-Colmar *Jumelage*, which literally means "pairing." Tickets are $25 per person (must be 21) and include a one-year membership in the Princeton Colmar Sister City Association For more information, call Anne C. O'Neill at (609) 924-7357 or e-mail aconeill@aol.com. Pictured, from left, are members of the Princeton-Colmar Sister City Association: Linda Richter; Judith McCartin Scheide; Ms. O'Neill; Eve Noon; Carolyn Helge; and Carol Provost. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

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PROFILES in EDUCATION

Bill Cirullo loves to have fun. For the past 20 years he's been enjoying his role as principal of Riverside School. "I never want it to change," he said. "I love it. It can be a tough job if you choose to look at it that way but on the other hand there are 330 kids here. What better life could you have?" The photo shows Mr. Cirullo with a steel sculpture that was produced by artist Rory Mahon working with Riverside School students when he was sculptor-in-residence. *(Photo by Linda Arntzenius)*

Bill Cirullo never thought of being anything other than a teacher. He started coaching Little League right after he stopped playing Little League. The individual who had the biggest influence on his career path was coach Larry Ivan, his social studies teacher at the Quarry Street Middle School. "From the moment I met him, I wanted to be like him," Mr. Cirullo recalled. "Larry Ivan treated me with such respect. I remember him telling me: 'Bill, you can do anything you want'."

Mr. Cirullo's Princeton roots go back 350 years. His maternal great, great, grandfather, Samuel Lewis Southard, was a graduate of The College of New Jersey (later Princeton University) and became Governor of New Jersey and then First Secretary of the Navy.

Born and raised on Humbert Street, Mr. Cirullo was an elementary and middle school teacher in the Princeton Regional Schools for 16 years, first teaching sixth grade at Community Park School, which he attended as a boy, and then, teaching sixth through eighth grades at John Witherspoon Middle School, where he was also chair of the social studies department.

A year working for the district in a support and enrichment position to enhance curriculum and instruction in the elementary schools whetted his appetite for curriculum development. He then taught fourth grade at Riverside for three years before being appointed principal, twenty years ago. Since then, he has put his stamp on the school.

Principal Philosophy

Mr. Cirullo's personal style is inquiring and experimental. He is eager to learn new techniques and new understandings, especially the insights into children's learning offered by recent studies on brain research. During his first few years as principal, he put his belief that a school should be "alive with research" into practice. Riverside teachers became involved in reading research such as mis-cue analysis. Four of the school's teachers have been recognized by the National Council of Teachers of English for their work, which ultimately, he believes, enhances classroom teaching.

Having spent much of his life thinking about, designing, and developing curricula, Mr. Cirullo favors a variety of teaching "delivery systems." In addition to large group instruction, Riverside teachers use cooperative group instruction, paired group instruction, and individual conferencing. "There is no way you can learn how a child thinks if you stay within a large group instructional format alone," he said. "There are schools that are still trying to pull that off and having difficulties. No wonder, their structures are wrong!"

In addition to teaching in the classroom, Mr. Cirullo has always coached sports and frequently draws upon sports metaphors in describing his methods. He believes that it's possible to reach 100 percent of kids and that it is the educator's responsibility to understand how children learn and to differentiate instruction that is meaningful to each individual child. "It can be done. It's not a pipe dream," he said. "What you are trying to do in this profession is to get engage children. You can have all the expertise you want but if a kid isn't on the playing field, isn't prepared and available for leaming, either because of emotional, physical, or some sort of social stress, you just don't have a chance."

Residencies too, are an integral part of the Cirullo philosophy. Riverside School has invited dancers, architects, artists and, most recently, the New Jersey Opera to work with its students. The School's autism programs are also a source of pride. In the last six years, three have been established, serving up to 18 children.

Besides focusing on educational theory and practice, Mr. Cirullo is also a hands-on kind of a guy. When a third grade project called for a colonial herb garden, he rented and operated a rototiller. That was just one of a number of collaborative projects in line with his philosophy of drawing the school and the community together, such as the butterfly garden, turtle habitat and organic herb garden developed by parents Joni Dabbs and Dorothy Mullen.

Lacrosse and Dovetails

With his own kids now grown, Mr. Cirullo has found time to coach lacrosse. He is a co-founder of the Bobby Campbell Lacrosse Foundation, named for a former Riverside student who was killed in a car accident. The group runs free clinics and a girls toumament at Princeton High School. Their most recent outreach, however, is in Trenton. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, at the Village Charter School, close to 75 third through sixth grade girls and boys consistently show up for practice. He finds this a source of great satisfaction.

In his rare private moments, he will most likely be focused on the challenge of a dovetail joint. He's been restoring antique furniture for thirties years and is now building fine furniture, the best example of which, he said, is a recent side-table. "I learned a lot working on it, serpentine front, concave sides, bird's-eye maple, from live stock, milled. It's the most humbling experience. I've been thinking about kids and education since I was 12 years old but thinking about curved furniture, and dovetail joints is all consuming. It helped make me a better teacher."

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Littlebrook Issues

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As the Township grapples with new statewide mandates concerning stormwater management, members of the Princeton Environmental Commission have scheduled a discussion for this evening's meeting, particularly focusing on Littlebrook, and a new developer on the block, KP Burke Builders, LLC, whose homes have been the target of some outraged neighbors.

"The main thing that I see is that we have these new stormwater management rules and also the new impervious surface ordinance, and the reason for some of these new laws is that we're concerned about the downstream impact of what people do to a lot upstream," said David Breithaupt, chair of the Princeton Environmental Commission.

"You build a very large house, and you cover up the grass that was there, so the water has to go somewhere.

"It might not be your immediate neighbor, but it could be someone down Harry's Brook," he said.

It is important to note that KP Burke is operating well within the Township's zoning ordinance. The zoning code allows for this type of development on this lot. As far as character is concerned, several lots on North Littlebrook deviate from the lot size of several surrounding streets, which often feature lot sizes less than half the capacity.

"We researched the property and we are conforming," said Kevin Burke, whose son, Kyle Burke, oversees the development of this particular property at 73 North Littlebrook. Mr. Burke also put the plans through the Carnassa Park Homeowners Association: "not an easy process to go through because they're careful and conscientious."

Some neighbors have contended that they were misled during the homeowners associations process, saying that the developer was not forthcoming regarding tree removal and the potential of exacerbating drainage problems on the site. Kyle Burke, in a November 2005 letter to the editor appearing in Town Topics, responded to the neighbors' concerns regarding deforestation. Of the 71 trees that measured 10 inches in diameter on the property, 16 were lost, but that the loss would be mitigated by 30 to 40 tree plantings on site.

Additionally, Mr. Burke wrote, the building plan was altered to head pipe runoff directly into the storm drains, rather than sending it into an existing drainage ditch that had been a point of concern for Carnassa Park neighbors.

The drainage issue, Mr. Burke said Tuesday, has been worked out with the Township Engineering Department. The only water that is going to run off of the property, he said, is from land that will continue to go undisturbed.

Mr. Burke also noted that the Township's Engineering Department is very "exacting" in its demands, "especially in terms of runoff and drainage.

"They look out for the homeowner and the taxpayer. It's a tight ship."

Additionally, Mr. Burke said, Carnassa Park lots cannot be subdivided, so the number of dwellings will not rise.

But then there is the aesthetic value that several neighbors wish to maintain in the new development. An October 2005 letter that appeared in Town Topics from Clover Lane residents Jim and Cynthia Moorhead urged that the "natural attractions of the property" be preserved. The woods, that had been characteristic of that property, were "devastated," according to the letter, and had "diminished" the quality of life for the neighbors.

The Environmental Commission's Mr. Breithaupt said little could be done with the current development ("If you can't keep one step ahead, I guess it's good to keep one step behind"), but that the Princeton Community Master Plan could, at some point, reflect some of the concerns of the neighbors opposed to new development.

But in the case of 73 Littlebrook, there is a market for such homes, which sell for upwards of $2.5 million, and, as the senior Mr. Burke emphasized, his company builds on already populated areas. "We're not adding to the development and we're not promoting sprawl development.

"We're building close to the towns and schools, and we're not putting more stress onto the highways," he said. "I think we have been sensitive."

The Environental Commission will conduct a discussion on Littlebrook residential construction this evening, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room A of Township Hall.

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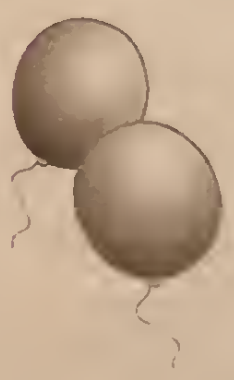

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For further information, call Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County at (609) 587-6027.

Montgomery Women's Expo Scheduled For This Friday

The 2006 Orchard Hill Elementary School PTA's Women's Expo will take place Friday, April 28, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the new Montgomery High School located at 1016 Route 601 in Skillman.

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salt

1. Place eggplant slices in a colander, salt, and leave to drain for ½ hour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large bowl, combine ricotta, beaten egg, parmesan, mozarella, and a handful of freshly chopped basil. Set aside.
3. Rinse eggplant slices, pat dry. Lightly brush both sides with olive oil, place on a baking sheet and bake for about a half an hour or until soft and golden. Let cool.
4. When the eggplant has cooled, place 1 tsp of cheese mixture on each slice of eggplant, then roll. Cover the bottom of an ovenproof dish with a layer of fresh, homemade marinara sauce, and evenly space the eggplant rollatinis on the sauce. Cover with more sauce, parmesan and freshly chopped

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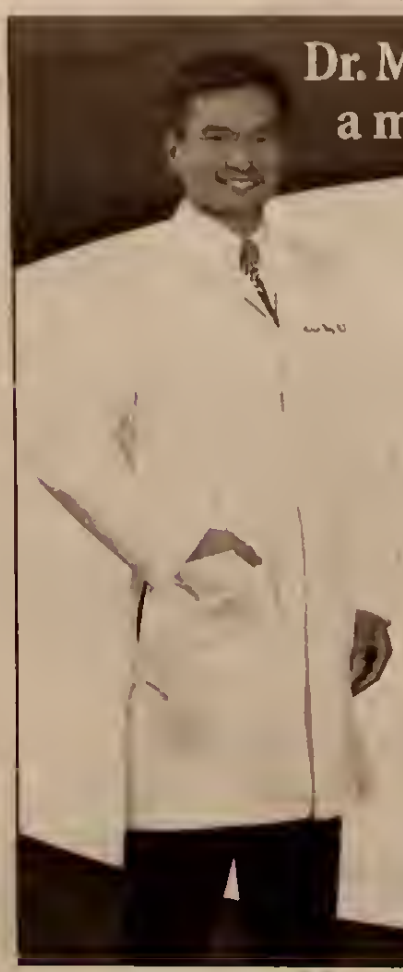

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District's involvement in the management of outside use of its surplus spaces.

In addition to an analysis of the building's future that addresses the needs of the District's administration (on or off site), the Board wants proposals to take into account community interests. Proposals should consider the property's potential use for sports, shops, or other needs in relation to the District's demographics, as well as its current uses.

Proposals must also address the building's deteriorating physical condition, including testing for environmental toxins such as dust, mold, asbestos, among others. They also should be developed in at least three scenarios with financial plans that attempt to maximize revenue and optimize use in the interest of improvement of the condition of the facility at minimum cost to the District and taxpayers.

"Now that the whole of the Witherspoon corridor has come under scrutiny, it's time for a serious analysis of the future of 25 Valley Road," said Ms. Bialek. "Before going further the board wants to hear from the community and from private developers."

Copies of the Request for Proposal document can be obtained from Stephanie Kennedy, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Princeton Regional Schools, 25 Valley Road. For more information about the requirements of proposal submission, call (609) 806-4201.

—Linda Arntzenius

Mapleton Preserve Hosts Arbor Day Open House

An Arbor Day open house will welcome guests to the former Princeton Nurseries lands, now Mapleton Preserve, on Saturday, April 29, from 1 to 5 p.m. Although the most common date for the state observances of Arbor Day is the last Friday in April, Saturday is the day of choice this year with dedication activites centering around the Mapleton Preserve and the newly restored headquarters of the D & R Canal State Park at 145 Mapleton Road in Kingston. Speakers at the 2:30 dedication will include Congressman Rush Holt (D -12), DEP Deputy Commissioner Jay Watson, and South Brunswick Township Mayor Frank Gambastes.

William Flemer IV will be presenting, "Princeton Nurseries, the Flemer Family Legacy," a program highlighting the accomplishment of William Flemer III and his brother, the late Dr. John Flemer. The afternoon slide presentation will be held in the new D & R Canal State Parks Education Building.

Tours of the new headquarters and other key buildings will be held throughout the day. Children will be able to interact with Smokey the Bear and participate in nature-oriented crafts.

Now located in Allentown, N.J., Princeton Nurseries has provided three specimen trees to be planted for the 2006 Arbor Day celebration. These trees will be the first of an annual series of specimens donated by Princeton Nurseries to establish the Flemer Arboretum.

At 2:30 p.m., the newly protected Mapleton Preserve and the D & R's new headquarters will be dedicated. Each guest will receive a seedling of the New Jersey State Tree, a Northern Red Oak.

Bluegrass music will be provided by both Mountain View Band, whose members are employees of the New Jersey DEP, and by Riverside Bluegrass Band, of which William Flemer IV is a member.

Food and beverages may be purchased. Admission is free and open to the public.

12 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 12 births to area residents during the week of April 24.

Sons were born to Elizabeth and Jason Edwards, Lawrenceville, April 13; Cristina and Jeffrey Casole, Lawrenceville, April 13; Neeraja Pailla and Sreenuvas Kanuganti, Lawrenceville, April 16; Marjorie and Lee Maschler, Skillman, April 16; and Marjule and John Hartmann, Lawrenceville, April 18.

Daughters were born to Carter and David Serxner, Princeton, April 14; Jenny and Brian Chon, Princeton Junction, April 17; Jennifer and Thomas Seery, Princeton Junction, April 17; Elizabeth and Mario Gonzalez, Princeton, April 17; Ayumi and Kenichi Saito, Princeton, April 18; Jie and Andrew Hayes, Skillman, April 20; and Matina and Felix van der Schaar, Princeton, April 20.

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Princeton Battle Monument Sculpture Had Arc de Triomphe for Inspiration

To the Editor:

Artist Frederick MacMonnies submitted a number of designs for a sculpture to commemorate the battle of Princeton. Each failed to be accepted by the Monument Princeton. Each failed to be accepted by the Monument Commission. Then MacMonnies sauntered by the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and was inspired to submit a design which won acceptance.

Unfortunately and regrettably, the semi-clad woman you see poised in the center of the monument next to George Washington is neither Martha Washington nor Betsy Ross but the French symbol of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity depicted on the Arc de Triomphe.

What were those scholarly commissioners thinking?

WILLIAM ROUFBERG
Kendall Park

Need to Trim Transportation Costs Revealed by School Budget Voting

To the Editor:

Thank you to all the people who came out to vote for the school budgets. I want to reassure those who voted against them that their voices have been heard.

Although six out of eight Mercer County budgets passed, a broader perspective reveals a more sobering result. Just 19,204 of the 162,764 registered voters cast ballots last Tuesday. This 12 percent turnout is normal for a school election.

If all the Yes votes and No votes in all the Mercer municipalities are tallied, the Yeses received 9,551 to the Nos 9,328, a margin of just 1.16 percent.

It is important to note that 18,879 votes were cast on the budgets, meaning that 325 people voted in the election but skipped the budget question. These 325 voters held the balance of power. Their abstention meant that the Yes votes got 49.7 percent of the votes to the Nos' 48.6 percent. Just 52 voters made the difference between the budgets passing with a majority or with a plurality. In other words, 75 percent of the budgets passed with 49.7 percent of the vote, pretty weak. The voters are sending a clear message that we are on the edge, that the huge increases in school tax rates must stop.

The question is, how? School districts perform many functions not directly related to education. Foremost among them is transportation. Every district has a highly paid transportation coordinator. The beginnings and endings of the school day are staggered in every district to amortize the school buses. That's why Princeton High School starts at 7:50 a.m.

Some middle and high school students in Princeton, Lawrence, Hamilton, Hopewell, and even Montgomery could take New Jersey Transit's existing 602, 605, and 606 buses to school with only minor changes in routes and schedules. These bus routes already serve students attending private schools like Lawrenceville and Notre Dame, plus public schools like Trenton Central High and Nottingham, so why not the rest of Mercer County?

Taxpayers would save hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars every year. All that is needed is the cooperation of New Jersey Transit, state legislators, the freeholders and the school boards, almost all of whom come from the same political party.

In addition, the county and governing bodies need to start a crash sidewalk construction program so students can safely walk and bike to school, thereby saving taxpayers millions more.

These are urgent tasks, as the election results plainly show. With gas prices soaring, with long term health care costs projected to rise due to the obesity induced illnesses of today's youth, spending money and energy busing children who should be walking and biking to school just feeds the negative energy and health care inflationary spiral that is making life unaffordable.

When I say that I'm a psephologist or an election analyst, many people wonder what that is. It is someone who looks at the votes and draws the appropriate conclusions. It is anti-spin. Last Tuesday, almost 20,000 people took time out of their busy schedules to support 75 percent of the school budgets by a very narrow margin.

The coming year will show whether school boards and other elected and appointed officials are willing to reciprocate.

JOSHUA LEINSDORF
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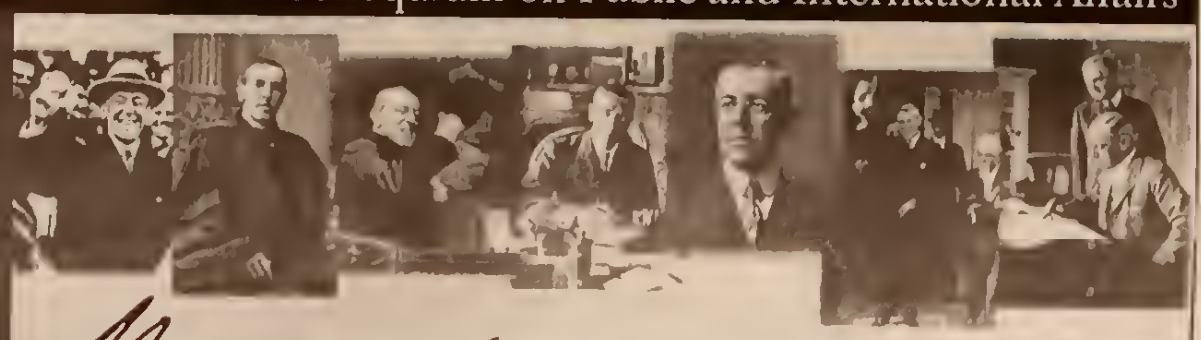

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Schedule of Events

Friday, April 28, 2006

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Opening Plenary: Neo-Conservatives vs. Liberals: The Fight over Woodrow Wilson's Foreign Policy
Moderator: G. John Ikenberry
Confirmed Panalists: Thomas Knock '82, William Kristol, and Tony Smith
Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall
Sponsored by the Princeton Project on National Security

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Woodrow Wilson and Race
Moderator: Eddie S. Glaude, Jr. '97
Confirmed Panalists: Nicholas Patler and Eric Vettel
Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall
Sponsored by the Program in African American Studies

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Woodrow Wilson in the State House: Governing in New Jersey
Moderator: David S. Broder
PRIOR Paper Author: Alan Ehrenhalt
Confirmed Panelist: Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. '79
Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall
Sponsored by the Policy Research Institute for the Region

4:00 p.m.
Keynote Address
Madeleine K. Albright, 64th Secretary of State of the United States; Principal, The Albright Group
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Saturday, April 29, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Woodrow Wilson Portrait Unveiling Ceremony: Woodrow Wilson and the Princeton Shield
Speaker: Thomas J. Reed, MPA '71, artist
Lobby, Robertson Hall

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Woodrow Wilson at Princeton: Perspectives from University Presidents
Moderator: Shirley M. Tilghman
Panalists: Nannerl O. Keohane h'04, S. Georgia Nugent '73, and Neil L. Rudenstine '56, h'91
Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall
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1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Wilson at Home: Progressive Reforms and Political Battles
Moderator: T.J. Jackson Lears
Panelists: John Morton Blum and John Milton Cooper, Jr. '61
Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall
Sponsored by Program in American Studies

2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Closing Plenary: Reading and Writing Wilson's Life: History and Biography
Moderator: Harold James
Panalists: A. Scott Berg '71, Patrick O. Cohrs, Carole Fink, and Erez Manela
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form of salaries and benefits for municipal employees. Although the Township has attempted to reduce expenses through a reduction of staffing in various departments, including administration and police, salaries and contractual increases still loom.

Energy costs have also driven up budgetary costs, Mr. Pascale said.

Ms. Shaddow said that the Township's budget surplus, used to offset up to 3.5 percent of the total appropriations, was reduced in spending from last year—about $365,000 less than 2005—to curb what she called a "downward trend." By using a smaller portion of the surplus, she said, the surplus could be on track for growth in coming years.

At the end of 2005, the surplus balance stood at about $4.22 million and in this year's budget, the Township is proposing to use about $3.15 million of that amount, leaving a little over a million dollars at the end of the year. "That's a better position than we were in last year," Ms. Shaddow said. The remaining balance of the budget at the end of 2004 was $831,000.

She added that the remaining surplus balance could push $2 million within the next 10 years.

If more surplus funds were used, "We could make this a zero tax increase," Mr. Pascale said, "but that would be inappropriate and we don't want to do that."

A public hearing for the 2006 municipal budget will be held at Township Committee's regular May 22 session, following a May 16 joint-municipal meeting with the Borough assessing budgetary costs of inter-municipal agencies.

In other news, following a $60,000 state grant for Corner House, Township Committee passed a resolution that would appropriate $22,500 toward the salary of a new outreach coordinator who would implement programming for "at-risk youth."

The resolution would serve as a companion measure with the Borough, which, if passed, would match the Township's funding for a full $45,000. The cost would cover both salary and benefits.

Committeeman Lance Liverman, who serves as the Township's liaison to the Human Services Commission, said while there is no "magic bullet" in stamping out potential problems facing high-risk youth, implementing a full-time outreach coordinator "is one of the best things we can do at this time."

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand said that increasing concerns regarding community youth merit this type of program: "We are on the right track. We need more help than just the police."

Committeeman Bill Hearon said that, with the upcoming summer season, now would be an appropriate time for the creation of such a position. Said Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller: "It's taking action to head off a situation that could potentially be damaging."

Borough Councilwoman Peggy Karcher is expected to introduce a companion resolution to Borough Council.

Township Committee passed a series of ordinances Monday night, including a trio of amendments to the municipal land-use code. One would be to rezone some of the lands in the Township's R-5 district, including the western portion of Route 206. In that district, some of quarter-acre lots will be rezoned to a half acre. The reason stems from a 2005 campaign by several residents in that area that said a majority of the properties there are already in half-acre lots. Regarding part of the Princeton Ridge, a recommendation was put forth to increase the size of the building lot to preclude higher density on smaller lots.

The other two amendments are effectively clarifications in the Township code. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities had been permitted as a conditional use in the Township's RA and RM zones, when, in fact, the zones had not been intended for that use. An asterisk had been placed in the zoning chart "by mistake," Township Attorney Edwin Schmierer said. Additionally, for the Township's residential zones, an asterisk had never made it to the zoning chart for home occupations. A resident is allowed to have a home occupation, if home occupations standards are satisfied.

Those changes will be heard in a public hearing on May 8.

Per the state's Council on Affordable Housing mandates, the Township identified its official affordable housing liaison to the state as Christy Peacock, who had already been the municipal affordable housing coordinator.

—Matthew Hersh

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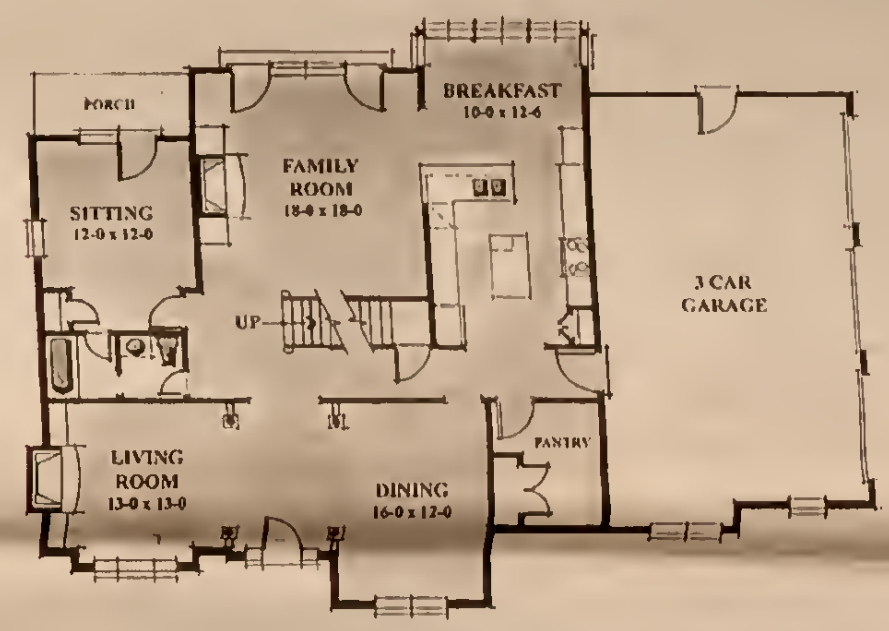

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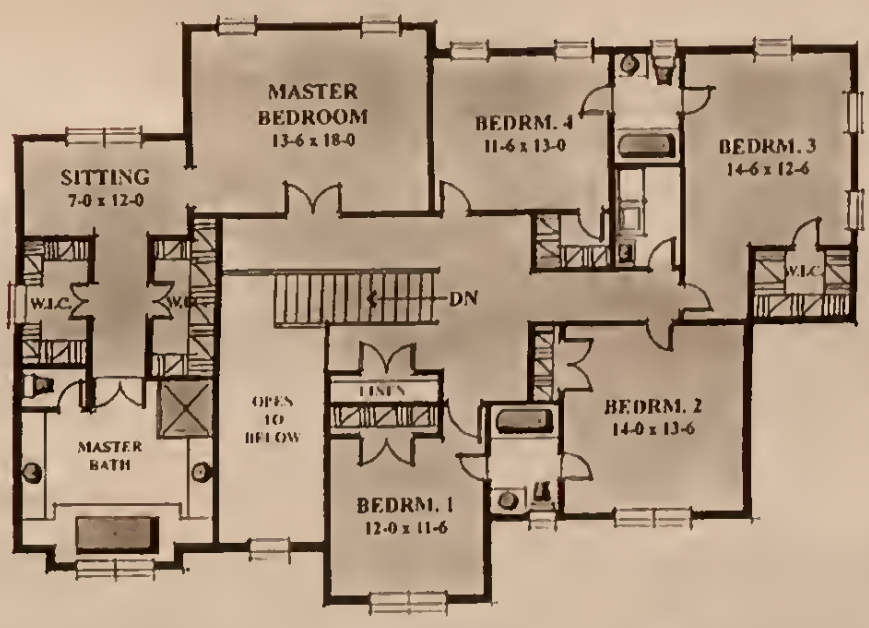

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Mark Freda, a True Princetonian, Is Committed to His HomeTown

"If you look up 'Princetonian' in the dictionary, you will see Mark's picture! He really cares about this town, and is always ready to help out."

John Roberto, co-owner of Hinkson's Office Store, has known his cousin, Mark Freda all his life, and he has adroitly defined Mr. Freda's relationship with his home town.

Former Borough Councilman, President of the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, volunteer fireman, founding member of The Spirit of Princeton, Mark Freda is a home town boy, who has remained true to his roots, while seeking to extend Princeton's opportunities to a wider group of its citizens.

"When I was on Borough Council, I really liked dealing with the residents," he explains. "I'd walk around town and see people and hear their views. This is very important."

Communicating with people has always been a major part of Mr. Freda's m.o.—whether as a boy working after school at Hinkson's, as chief shop steward for the Service Employees International Union at Princeton University, or later, on Borough Council.

Born in Princeton Hospital, Mark was the youngest child of Henry and Ann Freda, and brother to Maureen and Kathy. He remembers a happy childhood, consisting of informal, unstructured good times, as well as after-school and weekend jobs.

Group of Kids

He attended St. Paul's School through eighth grade, and then went to Notre Dame High School in Lawrence. "In school, I enjoyed geography and history," he reports, "and I loved to read, especially mysteries and world history.

"I grew up on Erdman Avenue, and there was always a group of kids who got together for informal basketball or baseball, depending on the season. I remember having a good time growing up. Being around family a lot, and just getting on our bikes and going for a ride. My mom would say to be home at a certain time, and I was."

After school and on weekends, Mark worked at Hinkson's, which was owned by his uncle, Bert Roberto. "I worked there from the fifth grade on, and a lot of the cousins were there, too," recalls Mr. Freda. "My uncle Bert had a big influence on me. He was very much a gentleman, and had a very good work ethic.

"My mom was another important influence. She was a nurse, and worked at Princeton Hospital. She was very definite about what was right and wrong."

Mark also enjoyed family trips in the summer to Scranton, Pa. to visit his maternal grandparents. "We had good times there," he says. "My grandfather was a barber at the Casey Hotel, which was the hotel in Scranton, and he'd take us there."

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1974, Mark went to Rider College—not his happiest educational experience, he reports.

Teaching System

"I went for two years, but it wasn't a good match. I never had a problem being vocal, and I felt their teaching system was ineffective. It was a time when they were having non-professors teach classes—that is, actual accountants teaching accounting, etc.—and I don't think it worked. At least not for me."

So, he left, taking time off to re-group and earn some money. He worked at Jasna Polana, Citgo Gas Station, and later with the grounds crew at Princeton University. "I wanted to save money and go to Mercer County Community College at night," he explains.

"Mercer County was great. I graduated in 1979 in business management, and I met a lot of people there at night—a different set of students. The classes had a lot of student participation. It was very positive." Throughout his time at Mercer County, Mark continued to work full-time at Princeton, and he became chief shop steward for the Service Employees International Union, an experience which would prove invaluable.

"I had a lot of dealings with the Princeton University Human Resources department in that capacity," he points out. "We also ended up organizing the food service workers, who later joined the union. They felt they were being treated unfairly by the University, and eventually we had a strike on their behalf. In my role as chief shop steward, I took the issue through the grievance procedures, and since Princeton wouldn't come to an agreement, we filed with a federal labor mediator and had an arbitration.

"It was the first time Princeton University lost an arbitration, and from then on, I was a marked man," quips Mr. Freda, smiling. "I really liked the work as a shop steward. I felt I was making a difference and standing up for people."

Political Science

It was time to move on however, and Mark had decided to go back to college full-time to get his degree.

"Princeton University gave me a part-time job, and I wasn't involved in any more union activities," he notes. "I went to Trenton State (now the College of New Jersey) for two years, and graduated in 1982 with a degree in political science, with an emphasis on public administration."

He enjoyed Trenton State and appreciated the interaction with professors. "There were a lot of good professors there," he remembers. "One of my best teachers was Professor Sullivan. She taught a course on the Vietnam War, and we had great discussions about it. She didn't come with a particular point of view. She just said 'here's something for you to question and think about.'"

During his years at college, Mark was also an active volunteer both at the Hook & Ladder Fire Company and the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad.

"EASY RIDER": Mark Freda, Princeton resident, former Borough Councilman, and long-time community volunteer, is wearing one of his favorite shirts. "I belong to the Harley-Davidson Club, and I've had a motorcycle since I was 20. In 2003, I rode it to Milwaukee for the Harley-Davidson 100th anniversary. We also get together with friends from time to time and ride down to Atlantic City for the day."

" I always wanted to do it," he explains. "Also, a lot of people in my neighborhood belonged to the fire department. You learn a lot there. You meet a lot of different people and are in a lot of different situations."

It was his work at the Rescue Squad that actually led to his first job after college, however. "It's interesting how I got my first job at Commodities Corporation. They made donations to First Aid & Rescue, and I went over to pick up the check," he says.

Satisfying Career

"I needed a job, and while I was there, I asked who I could see about getting one. They said to leave my resume, and three months later, they called me. I started in September 1983 in the facilities department. It was a perfect match. Commodities Corporation was very involved with the community; so if I had to leave to go to a fire, they understood."

It led to a satisfying career for him. Mr. Freda is now a vice president with Goldman Sachs, Inc., which purchased Commodities Corporation in 1997.

"In January 1998, they asked me to go on temporary assignment in New York. It was administrative, facilities-related work, concerning space planning and renovation," he explains. "I was back and forth between New York and Princeton, and just recently, I have been headquartered in Jersey City.

"It's a great company," he continues. "I like the work. I get out and don't have to sit at a desk all day. What I enjoy most about the work is that it's trying to solve a puzzle, and if you solve it right, you save time and money."

Solving problems was often the challenge when Mr. Freda served on Borough Council, and he looked forward to the opportunity. His earlier involvement both with the fire department and rescue squad gave him the chance to observe Council procedures at close hand, and he attended many meetings, starting in the 1970s.

"In the late '70s, the First Aid & Rescue Squad was finding it hard to get people to volunteer during the day," recalls Mr. Freda. "A group of us lobbied Borough Council and Township Committee in an effort to fund a paid day crew. Finally, in 1980, they agreed to pay two EMT people during the day.

Vocal Visitor

"This was an important achievement," he points out. It solved two problems. (1) We were able to provide the community with ambulances during the day, and (2) it made a huge difference in the Princeton First Aid Squad. That was 26 years ago, and we now have one of the most successful professional EMT programs run by a volunteer organization."

As a visible and vocal visitor to Council meetings, Mr. Freda was certainly noticed. "I enjoyed going to meetings," he says, and one was especially memorable.

"I was sitting behind Mayor Barbara Sigmund, and at one point, she turned around and said, 'Would you be interested in running for Council?' I said 'Sure!'"

It all seemed to come naturally to him. No stranger to hard work, he didn't mind the campaigning or boning up on issues. "I really liked campaigning. I'd go out every weekend and visit people. I'd say 'I'm volunteering for the community.' I was especially interested in affordable housing. People shouldn't have to leave here when they have lived in Princeton all their lives.

"I'd have great conversations with people, going door-to-door. I'd tell them I wasn't tied to any established group in town or politics. I was open to hearing their ideas."

His approach led to success, and both he, a Democrat, and Richard Woodbridge, a Republican (later Mayor of Princeton Township), were elected.

Huge Difference

"I loved being on Council," says Mr. Freda. "I wanted to make a difference. If you do the job properly, it is a real time commitment. But it can make a huge difference when you really work at something."

He took a hands-on, direct approach, trying to cut through bureaucracy when possible. "A number of times, Council would be faced with trying to resolve something, and I'd say, 'Let's go talk to people face-to-face. Don't just send a lawyer.'

"A lot of residents would call me at home with questions, and I'd say I'd look into it and get back to them. I always listened, and

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Mark Freda

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I did get back. I considered myself an elected official, not a politician." His methods did not go unnoticed. "I am one of Mark's biggest fans," says Marcy Crimmins, managing agent for Princeton Community Housing, and who has known him for many years.

"When I was executive director of Princeton Housing Authority, Mark was Borough Council liaison. Mark is the kind of Council person who got things done. He was very effective and cut through the bureaucracy. I felt extremely fortunate to have him as our liaison. He made a big effort to know about the issues and the organization. I think he is a very valuable community asset."

Claire Jacobus, President of the Friends of the Princeton Public Library, agrees. "Mark cares deeply about the community. He is, in the very best sense of the word, a straight arrow. He can be powerfully candid. I knew him originally when he was on Borough Council and was liaison to the Commission on Aging. He had to contend with a lot of testy elders, myself included, and he did very well!"

Great Strides

During the 13 years he was a Councilman, Mr. Freda was Council President (deputy mayor) for five years, served on the Public Works Committee, was Council representative to the Princeton Housing Authority and to the Borough Affordable Housing Board. He was also Police Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

Looking back, he is especially proud of the efforts made in affordable housing. "I am happy that we made great strides in affordable housing. It is very important, and we were able to get it underway on John Street, Maple Street, and later, on Quarry Street and Shirley Court."

When his work with Goldman Sachs became more demanding, Mr. Freda resigned from Council in 1999. It was a matter of the time commitment. He didn't want to take on something, if he couldn't give it his full attention.

"I still miss it though," he says.

Mr. Freda has certainly not neglected his home town since 1999, however. He serves as President of the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, and remains a member of the Hook & Ladder Fire Company. Previously, he was chairman of the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department Bicentennial Committee during the multi-year effort to plan and implement activities celebrating Princeton Hook & Ladder Company's 200th anniversary, and also to distribute excess funds among the three fire companies in the Princeton Fire Department.

He has also served on the Princeton Committee of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund since 2001, and on the Dorothea van Dyke McLane Association Board, which helps provide scholarships to students and support non-profits in town.

Concerned Citizens

In 1997, along with a group of other concerned citizens, including Ray Wadsworth, Herb Hobler, Frank Tylus, and Pam Hersh, Mr. Freda was a founding member of The Spirit of Princeton, an organization he continues to serve.

"The VFW said they could no longer put together the Memorial Day Parade, and the two municipalities said they couldn't support it," he explains. "So, we got together and tried to get something going. It's our town, and it's good to promote some of these patriotic events at no charge to the people."

The organization, which is funded by private donations (also through the Memorial Park Brick program), supports the Memorial Day Parade, Flag Day events, Fourth of July fireworks, and Veterans' Day ceremonies. "It is not self-funding," notes Mr. Freda. "We have to keep raising money. We are always trying to find a financial plan."

In addition to his community activities and professional life, Mr. Freda is very involved with his family, which is always foremost. He married Beth Ogilvie in 1988, and they have two children, Rebecca, 10 and Alex, 7.

"I met Beth, who has lived in Princeton since she was seven, at the First Aid Squad, and it didn't take long to know she was the one," he reports.

"I am an involved father," he adds. "I enjoy being with my kids, and I look forward to doing more things with them. We also all like to spend time in Cape Cod in the summer."

Terrific Person

Riding his Harley is another big pleasure, and he is anticipating a good time on their bikes with his friend, Borough Police Chief Anthony Federico.

"I've known Mark for many years," says Chief Federico. "He's a great individual. I first met him a long time ago, when I was young on the police force, and Mark was on Borough Council and was Police Commissioner. He's just a terrific person. He does so much for the community. We have become good friends over the years, and we'll be riding our motorcycles together this summer."

As a life-long Princeton resident, Mr. Freda has seen many changes in his home town. Its extraordinary growth is perhaps the most striking.

"The major change I see in Princeton is that it's a small city, not a town anymore," he says. "We've become an attractive destination for tourists.

"Also, I think the biggest problems facing Princeton are taxes and the political in-fighting between the two municipalities, This blocks progress. It's important to make decisions that are in the best interests of the community as a whole. It might not be solely in the best interests of the Borough or the Township, but we must think in terms of one Princeton and what is best for it."

Whether these concerns will result in a political role for him remains unknown, he says, but there is no question he cares about the direction Princeton is taking, and he continues to be engaged.

"I'm not sure what I'll do politically," he notes. "I am a member of the Princeton Community Democratic Organization, and I am still involved. Just much more behind the scenes now. When certain issues come up, I'll talk to people. We'll have to see what happens down the road."

There are many who would be glad to have him back on Council, believes Henry Landau, co-owner of Landau of Princeton. "I've known Mark since before he was on Council, and he's a really good guy. Honest beyond belief! It's a shame he's not on Council anymore."

Adds Ray Disch, former owner of Triumph Brewery, and now founder and broker of Disch Real Estate in Hopewell: "I came to know Mark when we built Triumph Brewery in 1995. What I liked about him, from my perspective, is that he understood that the role of government is to guide development and not obstruct it. He understood that there needs to be a partnership between government and business. And both partners should be concerned about being the steward of the community assets. Mark always understood that."

A lot of people are waiting to see what the future has in store for Mark Freda.

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Police Blotter

Two motorists stopped for traffic violations on April 15 were subsequently arrested on contempt of court charges after they were found to be wanted on active warrants. James C. Hill, 45, of Trenton, was turned over to the Trenton Police Department in lieu of $1,500 bail; Calvin Royster, 53, also of Trenton, was released after posting bail in the amount of $286.

Two power tools, a Makita hammer drill valued at $350 and a circular saw valued at $150, were reported stolen from a 1998 Mazda pick-up truck during the evening of April 20. Township Police said the truck had been parked overnight in a parking lot near the 100 block of Brickhouse Road.

Although the unidentified victim stated that the tools had been removed from the locked bed of his truck, the investigating officer, Cpl. JoAnne Malta, found that the lock mechanism was easily defeated by manipulating it with a small key.

Police have no suspects.

Two Princeton University students were arrested on Witherspoon Street at 8 p.m. on April 14 on alcohol-related charges. Thomas Juarez, 19, of Forbes College, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcoholic beverages, while his accomplice, Peter Capkovic, 23, of 1941 Hall, was arrested for purchasing alcoholic beverages for a minor. Both were released with summonses to appear in Borough Municipal Court.

Three drivers were arrested in Princeton Borough on charges of driving while intoxicated: Kathleen A. Brady, 51, of Kendall Park, on April 14; Ina Davis, 52, of New Orleans, La., on April 15; and Stacy Harris, 37, of Trenton, on April 17. All were released with summonses to appear in Borough Municipal Court.

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Princeton Singles has scheduled six local events in May.

Hour-long canal walks, followed by lunch, are scheduled for Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 27. Participants will meet at the bridge near the Winepress Restaurant in Kingston at 10 a.m. For reservations, call (609) 896-1170.

The club will host a breakfast meeting on Friday, May 12 at 9 a.m. at Friendly's Restaurant on Route 206 in Montgomery. Admission will be the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (908) 874-5434.

On Saturday, May 13, club members will visit the Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club at the Hyatt Regency at 10:30 p.m. The $20 admission will include one drink. For reservations, call (609) 883-1214.

On Saturday, May 20, the club will attend the Blawenburg Brass Band concert at the New Montgomery High School on Route 601 (Great Road) at 8 p.m., with optional dinner beforehand. Concert admission is free. For reservations, call Marcia Houghton at (908) 874-5434.

A kayak or canoe cruise on the Delaware-Raritan Canal will take place on Sunday, May 28, followed by an optional lunch at Panero's. Participants will meet at 10 a.m. at Princeton Canoe and Kayak Rental, 483 Alexander Road. For information, call (609) 720-1860.

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Celebrating National Poetry Month and 50 Years of *Howl*

When Allen Ginsberg last gave a reading in Princeton, in February 1996, the year before he died, McCosh 50 was packed, and the only way to get in was by watching on closed-circuit TV. I wanted my son to be there, but because I thought that Ginsberg would not draw the crowds he did when he was in his prime, we didn't line up early. Of course I was wrong. We couldn't get in and closed-circuit television wasn't good enough, as anyone who has experienced a Ginsberg reading first-hand will know. From what I've heard about the McCosh event, and his appearance at the Dodge Festival later that year, Ginsberg was *always* in his prime, no matter how he might be ailing or aging.

Ginsberg's readings, like his poetry, seemed to be open to everything. You never knew what might blow through his Aeolian harp. One evening at Douglass College, he offered a recipe for salad dressing ("the secret is the honey!"), and in the course of a poetry reading some years ago in Princeton it somehow made perfect sense that when he mentioned Edgar Allan Poe, a bat appeared and did a turn around the upper reaches of Richardson Auditorium only to disappear back into (it seemed) the poet's magic portmanteau.

This being the end of National Poetry Month, and the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Howl*, what better occasion for another look at this formidable little book. Over a million copies of the City Lights Pocket Poets edition are now in print. On the literary stock market, *Howl* is equally impressive. According to www.abebooks.com the four available copies of the first edition are listed in the $4,000 to $6,000 range. You can get the 4th printing of the first edition for as little as $250.

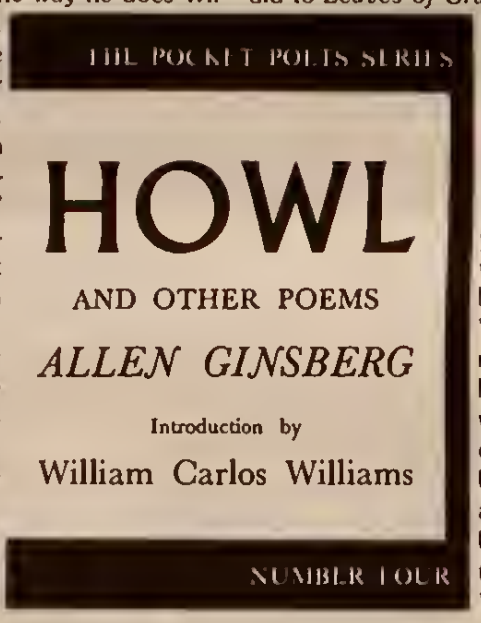
But then *Howl* is something more than a book of poems. Just look at the cover. That familiar, perfectly simple black-and-white design with the one-word title has become an essential American image, at once a literary icon and as pure a piece of Pop Art as anything by Andy Warhol. If there were a national museum of cultural imagery, the cover of this seemingly humble little volume would rate a place in it.

And Allen Ginsberg is something more than a poet. He's up there in the cultural firmament: he's a star. His soulmates Jack Kerouac and William Burroughs occasionally played the circuit, so to speak, and both are literary legends in their own right, but neither one had it in him to be the force that Ginsberg was. Look in dorm rooms at most American universities between 1965 and 1980 and you'd find him beaming at you up on the wall along with posters of Marlon Brando in biker leather from *The Wild One*, Clint Eastwood in his Sergio Leone poncho, Janis Joplin with her Southern Comfort eyes, and the Grateful Dead, not to mention Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, and the Beatles.

Next month City Lights will be issuing a special edition of *Howl and Other Poems*, the original facsimile edited by the poet's biographer, Barry Miles. *Howl* may have started it all, but it was Ginsberg's power as a performer, his enthusiasm, his outgoingness, his charm, his rapport with audiences, his devotion to the courage of his convictions, and his willingness to push headlong into the major issues of his time, that made him a star.

Looking Inside

The book opens with an uncredited epigraph from Walt Whitman—"Unscrew the locks from the doors!/Unscrew the doors themselves from their jambs!" It's interesting that Ginsberg chose not to mention Whitman by name, the way he does William Carlos Williams, who appears on the cover as the author of the introduction. Whitman does turn up later in "A Supermarket in California," one of the Other Poems, "poking about among the meats in the refrigerator and eyeing the grocery boys." "Where are we going, Walt Whitman?" the poem asks. "Which way does your beard point tonight?" To New Jersey, where else? One thing is sure: three Jersey towns have a place in this piece of American literary history: Whitman's Camden, Ginsberg's Paterson, and *Williams's Rutherford.*



That said, it's only fair to mention that the actions, events, and dreams alluded to in the poem mainly occur in Manhattan. Williams's introduction makes the connection right away with its reference to Ginsberg as a youth "mentally much disturbed by the life which he had encountered about him...in and about New York City." Of course San Francisco is also very much a part of the *Howl* mystique; it's right there on the title page under "City Lights Books." (The first edition was actually printed in London and shipped to the States, as was the second printing, which was seized by U.S. Customs for "obscenity" but that's another story.) Also it was at the Six Gallery in San Francisco that Ginsberg read *Howl* aloud for the first time.

Having brought Whitman and Williams along for the ride, Ginsberg uses his dedication to pick up three other friends. First, Kerouac, "the new Buddha of American prose...creating a spontaneous bop prosody and original classic literature." Then Burroughs: "author of *The Naked Lunch*, an endless novel that will drive everybody mad." (And not published until 1960 though some excerpts appeared in the late 1950s.) Then, finally Neal Cassady, "author of an autobiography which enlightened Buddha." The dedication closes with a typical Ginsbergian flourish: "All these books are published in heaven."

A Bizarre Introduction

William Carlos Williams's introduction has to be one of the strangest things he ever wrote. While he's cast in the elder poet role, giving the weight of his name to this then-unknown work, much as Emerson did to *Leaves of Grass*, he really doesn't seem to know what to make of *Howl*. It's clear that he's reacting more to an experience than to a text. After mentioning how "disturbed" young Ginsberg was when he knew him, he says it over again: "he disturbed me. I never thought he'd live to grow up and write a book of poems." He speaks of being astonished and amazed that Ginsberg had managed to survive and had "gone on developing and perfecting his art." Then: "Literally, he has, from all the evidence, been through hell." He reminds us of this with the closing sentence: "Hold back the edges of your gowns, Ladies, we are going through hell."

Maybe so, but on the way to that irresistibly quotable send-off, Williams goes from calling the poem "a howl of defeat," to saying in the next sentence: "Not defeat at all for he has gone through defeat as if it were an ordinary experience, a trivial experience." Williams also seems uneasy with the homoerotic element when he rather stiffly suggests that the poet "has found a fellow whom he can love, a love he celebrates without looking aside, " and, again, that the poet "has the time and affrontery [sic] to love a fellow of his choice and record that love in a well-made poem."

A fellow! It sounds so genteel, so old school.

The best of *Howl*, for me, is in Part 1. When I first read the poem, I had trouble taking Part II, with its "Moloch! Moloch!" chant, seriously. Although it might make great poetical theatre, it's hard to imagine anyone other than Ginsberg reading it in public with a straight face. On the other hand, it's almost impossible to read Part 1 without wanting to stand up and read it out loud because it's no more a trip through hell than *Leaves of Grass* is, in spite of Williams's warning. True, the "howl" is for Carl Solomon, who is in the hell of a madhouse, but Ginsberg is soaring with "angelheaded hipsters burning for the ancient heavenly connection to the starry dynamo in the machinery of night" or "floating across the tops of cities contemplating jazz" or "passing through universities with radiant cool eyes hallucinating Arkanasas," baring "brains to Heaven under the El" and seeing "Mohammedan angels staggering on tenement roofs illuminated."

The movement of the poem is free-flying and heaven-directed even when the subject is "eyeball kicks and shocks of hospitals and jails and wars." And, like a Ginsberg reading, the lines seem to have room for everything.

A Humbling Encounter

I have to admit that a callow youth bearing my name once performed a heavy-handed parody of Allen Ginsberg (as "Alexander Grubb") in his first novel. The scene was a poetry reading at the Beard and Sandal Club and the poetry was based mainly on the author's reaction to the "Moloch! Moloch!" business as well as the "Holy! Holy! Holy!" stanzas in the "Footnote to *Howl*." This 19-year-old hayseed had also been turned off by what he (in the spirit of his alter ego Holden Caulfield) perceived as the phoney atmosphere at poetry readings at the Gaslight Cafe in the Village. A year or two after his book was published, the author was at work one winter night on the charge accounts at the Eighth Street Bookshop in New York (sending bills to the likes of e.e. cummings) when the owner, Ted Wilentz, came upstairs accompanied by a man wearing glasses with dark frames and bundled up in a black overcoat. The creator of "Alexander Grubb" was completely disarmed. Here he was shaking hands with the real Allen Ginsberg and liking him immediately, as you rarely like most people in the first moment of meeting. I was ready to go burn my own book. Maybe Ginsberg sensed this. He told me he liked my parody.

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JAMMING FOR THE BOOK LEVEE: Wilson "Willie Tee" Turbinton brought New Orleans to Princeton last week with a concert on Firestone Plaza in support of the book levee Princeton students are constructing to help support the rebuilding of the New Orleans Public Library. Having lost his home to Katrina, the jazz pianist and producer is now artist in resident at Princeton University, where he conducts the student jazz band. Accompanying him is one of the organizers of the Katrina Project, freshman Rob Weiss on tenor, along with sophomore Mischa Carlson on drums. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

New Orleans Jazz Legend Plays at Levee for Life

Wilson "Willie Tee" Turbinton played an outdoor jazz concert last week on the Princeton University campus in support of the "Levee for Life" — a levee of books that Princeton students are constructing to support the rebuilding of the New Orleans Public Library (NOPL) and to raise awareness for ongoing relief efforts in the Gulf Coast.

The concert is one of several events that student organizers of the Katrina Project are holding at the Levee for Life in the next month. Earlier in the day, renowned Princeton sociologist Prof. Doug Massey discussed poverty and inequality in America and added his book, *American Apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass*, to the levee. In coming days, Princeton professors will be at the levee relating the facts of the hurricane disaster to education, religion, and ethics, each adding to the growing levee a book they have published on the subject of their talk. The "Princeton volumes" will be given to the NOPL at the end of the initiative, in order to symbolize the relationship between the two communities.

Princeton students place a symbolic "book brick" in the levee each time a pledge of $8.95 is given to the New Orleans Public Library Foundation at www.Powells.com/katrina. The New Orleans Public Library suffered damage estimated at $26-$30 million. One-hundred percent of donations as part of the Katrina Project go directly to charity and will help put books and educational materials back into the hands of New Orleans families.

Wilson "Willie Tee" Turbinton is a jazz pianist and musical producer from New Orleans whose home was destroyed by the hurricane. More than half a year later, he and his wife are still unable to return. In the meantime, Mr. Turbinton has taken a position as an artist-in-residence at Princeton University, where he conducts the student jazz band. His first hit single was "Teasin' You" in 1965, recorded on the Nola label. At the concert, Willie Tee was accompanied on the tenor and soprano saxophones by Rob Weiss, a Princeton freshman and one of the organizers of The Katrina Project, and on the drums by sophomore Mischa Carlson.

Mr. Turbinton shared his thoughts on the ongoing difficulties his family and his city are suffering. "A lot of people are just throwing money at New Orleans, as if only the money would help — and it helps," he said over the soft drums and sax. "But it's not enough, sometimes, just money; sometimes we don't know where the money goes and you need direction — like this replenishing of the books of the libraries of New Orleans."

So far, $14,000 in donations have provoded for the purchase of 712,000 books.

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For further information, visit www.Katrina-Project.org, or NOPL: www.nutrias.org, or Powells.com: www.Powells.com/katrina.

Princeton Public Library Hosts Floyd on Fields

To celebrate the new edition of *Black in Two Worlds* by Carl A. Fields, the nation's first African American administrator at a predominantly white university, former Princeton mayor James Floyd will be at the Princeton Public Library to speak about the book and the man in a Writers Talking program set for Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Floyd, a community activist, will discuss Carl Fields's impact on Princeton University and the Princeton community, as well as talking about the Fields legend and reading some excerpts from *Black in Two Worlds*.

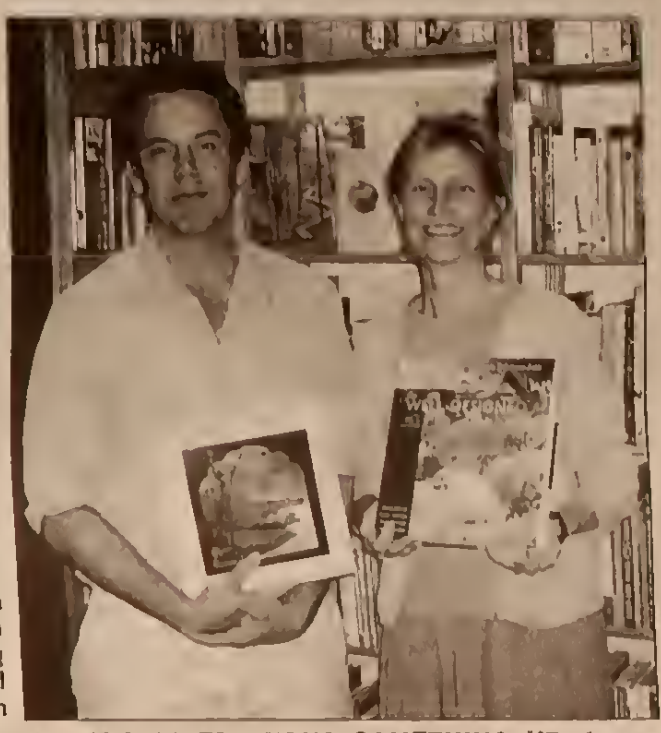
After joining the Princeton administration in 1964, Mr. Fields served as an advocate for underrepresented students, faculty, and staff. His guidance resulted in the establishment of the Third World Center and other programs to benefit students of color. In his memoir, he describes his experiences at Princeton University and at the University of Zambia.

Also speaking will be publisher of Red Hummingbird Press Hanna Fox, who first saw Mr. Fields's memoir 25 years ago. After founding the Red Hummingbird Press in 2002, she contacted his widow, Hedda, who will also speak in the program, with the result that *Black in Two Worlds* became Red Hummingbird Press's third publication.

Copies of "Black in Two Worlds" will be available for purchase at the event.

The program is part of the library's Caroline Llewellyn Champlin Writers Talking Series, which has presented many distinguished writers to library audiences for more than 25 years. Joyce Carol Oates, Ellen Curry, Thulani Davis, Thomas Kenneally, Paul Krugman, John McPhee, Richard Ford, Kenzaburo Oe, Alicia Ostriker, Richard Preston and Wendy Wasserstein are among the authors who have read from their works, shared their thoughts on writing and answered questions from the audience in this series.

All Princeton Public Library programs are free and open to the public. When programs require registration, preference is given to library cardholders. The library is in the Sands Library Building at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton Borough. Special assistance is available for library customers with disabilities. Those with special needs should contact the library 48 hours before any program to arrange for accommodations. Call (609) 924-9529.



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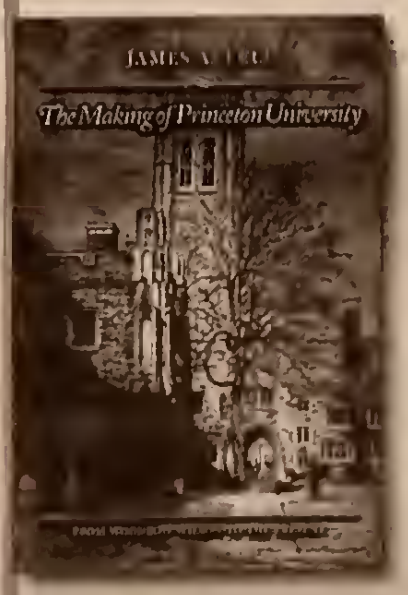

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Ms. Farrell is a graduate of Douglass College, Rutgers University. She is employed as the textbook manager for an tndependent bookstore in Durham, N.C.

Mr. Kelsey, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, is employed as a graphic designer by R.H. Donnelley tn Raleigh, N.C.

An October wedding is planned in Princeton.

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A September 2006 wedding ts planned at the Central Park Zoo tn New York Ctty.

Ms. Medtna is a 1992 graduate of Princeton High School and a 1996 graduate of Syracuse Untverstty. She is currently the dtrector of spectal events for the PM Lounge Nightclub in Manhattan.

Dr. Castaldt is a 1991 graduate of Oradell High School and 1995 graduate of Hamtlton College. He continued his medical educatton at Robert Wood Johnson in New Jersey, then did his radiology residency at Albert Einstetn Medical Center in the Bronx before completing hts medical training as a fellow at Memorial Sloane Kettering Hospital in Manhattarı. He is currently a radiologist at Verrazano Radiology at Staten Island Untversity Hosptal.

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Landscapes Rural, Industrial At The Artists' Gallery

Two contrasting artistic approaches to landscape painting are featured in a new exhibition at the Artists' Gallery in Lambertville. "Landscape2: Recent Works by Marc Reed and Joe Kazimierczyk" will open with a reception on Saturday, May 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibition runs from May 5 through June 4.

New Jersey painter Marc Reed finds his subjects in the American industrial landscape with themes such as the play of sunlight on rusted water towers, factory smokestacks partially obscured by fog, and the repetition of rows of factory windows. A graduate of Rowan University's arts program, Mr. Reed works as a freelance illustrator, web developer and fine artist from his Lambertville studio. His work includes an award-winning 2005 photo documentary on the Bethlehem Steel plant in Bethlehem, Pa.

"I'm fascinated by the impermanence of things," Mr. Reed has said. He works in acrylic and charcoal.

Paintings in the current exhibition, go beyond Mr. Reed's customary subjects: "I am broadening my spectrum to include some of the less citified scenes from the local landscape," he has said. Mr. Reed's work can be viewed on his website: www.marcreed.com.

In contrast, nature is the dominant force in the work of fellow artist Joe Kazimierczyk. Mr. Kazimierczyk paints the rural side of Hunterdon, Somerset, and Mercer Counties, often working en plein air. One of his favorite painting spots is on the towpath of the Delaware and Raritan Canal. His oils include scenes of Griggstown and local farmlands. Because of the changing light, plein air painters must work very quickly to capture a scene. Later, Mr. Kazimierczyk works on larger paintings based on these outdoor sketches, as well as from photographs and memory. "I am trying to incorporate more man-made contemporary elements into my landscape paintings so that they are more a part of our time [but] the sheer joy of painting outdoors tends to keep me away from the man-made," he has said. Mr. Kazimierczyk's work can be viewed on his website: http://joekaz.net/galleries/

"Landscape2," is at the Artists' Gallery in Lambertville, 32 Coryell Street, Lambertville. Gallery Hours are Fridays: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays by appointment. For more information, call (609) 397-4588. For information about the Artists' Gallery, view www.lambertvillearts.com.

"MAPLE RUN FARM": Paintings by Joe Kazimierczyk form one half of the two-artist exhibition "Landscape2: Recent Works by Marc Reed and Joe Kazimierczyk" at the Artists' Gallery on Coryell Street in Lambertville. The exhibition opens with a reception on Saturday, May 6, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and continues through June 4.

"SCENES FROM AN EASTON TEXTILE MILL": Artist Marc Reed's subjects include trains rusting on the tracks and 19th century textile mills such as those of Easton, Pa. His work goes on show in the exhibition "Landscape2: Recent Works by Marc Reed and Joe Kazimierczyk" that opens with a reception at the Artists' Gallery on Coryell Street in Lambertville on Saturday, May 6, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The exhibition runs through June 4.

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THE CREATIVE PROCESS: A.R.T. Studio Director Kathryn Heitman works with a painter at A.R.T.'s Miami studio while A.R.T. Founder and Executive Director Tim Lefens, looks on. An upcoming exhibit, "In The Beginning," which will be held at A.R.T.space Gallery in Princeton to celebrate the 10th anniversary of A.R.T.'s revolutionary program, features the first paintings that sparked A.R.T.'s breakthrough. *(Photo courtesy of Barbara Vaughn Holmes)*

Princeton-based A.R.T. Has International Links

Princeton-based non-profit A.R.T. is linking internationally as a panelist at the Shafallah Center for Children with Special Needs First Annual International Forum to be held on May 8 and 9 in Doha, Qatar. In addition, A.R.T. will be expanding its international presence to New Zealand this year, with a training visit from a Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowship recipient.

A.R.T. Studio Director Kathryn Heitman will be representing A.R.T. as a guest panelist at the First Annual International Forum, which is being held in association with Newsweek Magazine to celebrate the opening of the Shafallah Center. Along with top educators and policymakers, Ms. Heitman will be participating in broad and provocative discussions of the leading trends in teaching and treating children with learning or physical disabilities from a global perspective.

An opening address will be given by Her Highness Sheikha Mozah, bin Nasser al Misnad, Consort of HH the Emir of Qatar, and Cherie Booth, wife of British Prime Minister, Tony Blair and Patron for Education of SCOPE will be the keynote speaker at the event.

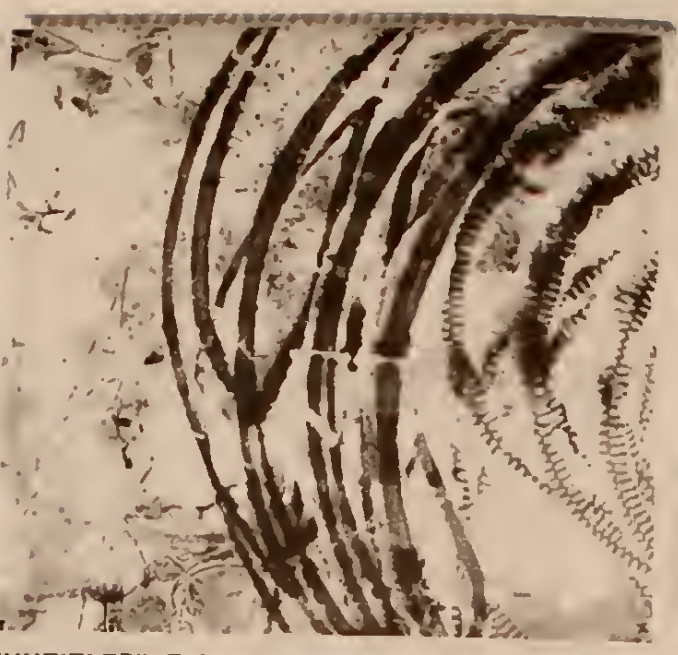
Ms. Heitman will be joined by Dr. Clive Robbins, adjunct clinical professor at Steinhardt School of Education, New York University and Founding Director of Nordoff-Robbins Center for Music Therapy; Dr. Mohammed El Banna, Very Special Arts of Egypt Chair; and actor John Siciliano to discuss innovative approaches to creative therapies associated with music, theatre, and creative arts.

Ms. Heitman was invited to the forum to discuss the tools and technologies that A.R.T. has created which enables the immobile person to gain full control of the creative process in painting, sculpture, music, and photography. The inventions include the LASSY, a laser actuated synthesizer, the Flying Eye wireless photography, laser-guided painting, and the C3D that lets the artist inspect their sculpture from any vantage.

Charitee Gay will be visiting A.R.T.'s Princeton University Studio Program to be trained as an A.R.T. Tracker. Ms. Gay will then be starting an A.R.T. site in New Zealand. Her visit will coincide with A.R.T.'s upcoming exhibit "In The Beginning," at A.R.T.space Gallery in Princeton, which will celebrate the 10th anniversary of A.R.T.'s revolutionary program, featuring the first paintings that sparked A.R.T.'s breakthrough.

An opening reception for 'In The Beginning' will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 13. A.R.T.space gallery is located at 53 Hulfish Street among the shops of Palmer Square in Princeton. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. "In The Beginning" will run from May 13 through June 23, 2006.

A.R.T.space Gallery is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, and noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. For more information about A.R.T. or A.R.T.space Gallery, please call (609) 924-0143 or visit www.artrealization.org.



"UNTITLED": This work by James Lane will be on view when A.R.T.space Gallery celebrates the tenth anniversary of A.R.T. with an exhibition of the first paintings created using A.R.T.'s revolutionary techniques. The opening of "In the Beginning," from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, will feature a short talk by founder and Executive Director, Tim Lefens, and a reading from his book, *Flying Colors* about the first day of the first program using the breakthrough techniques. Cocktails and light refreshments will be served. The reception is free and open to the public. "In The Beginning" will run from May 13 through June 23.

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Gallery Talk

Without Beginning, End, or Center: Yayoi Kusama

Lisa Lee, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Art and Archaeology

April 28, 12:30 p.m., and April 30, 3:00 p.m.

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Note: Space is limited at museum events. Please arrive early to ensure a place, as programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Exhibitions

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Bonnie Lucas Paintings On View at Jewish Center

New York City artist Bonnie Lucas will have her first solo exhibition in Princeton at the Jewish Center from May 9 through July 7. A reception for the artist will be held on Sunday, May 21, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Ms. Lucas works in oils on small canvases or wooden panels. Her subjects range from abstract landscapes to surrealist-style images that contain a narrative in a single frame. Much of her work is an evocation of childhood and children are welcome to attend both the exhibition and the opening reception. The exhibition will also feature unframed works on paper that will hang freely from loops of thread and catch passing currents of air.

Ms. Lucas received a BA in Art History from Wellesley College and an MFA from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. She teaches art at the City College of New York and the Henry Street Settlement. Her work has been shown in one- and two-person shows as well as in group exhibitions in New York City and across the United States, and is included in the permanent collections of the Rutgers University Art Gallery, Eastern Connecticut State University, and the New York Public Library.

All the work in the exhibition is for sale and 20 percent of the purchase price benefits the Jewish Center. The Gallery at the Jewish Center is open Monday through Friday and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The exhibition continues through July 7. For more information, call (609) 921-0100. For gallery curator, Jennifer Cadoff, call (609) 497-0635.

"ANOTHER WORLD TO SPIN": This 13 x 16 inch oil on wood panel by New York City painter Bonnie Lucas, titled "Big Ball," is among the artist's work on view in the gallery of the Jewish Center on Nassau Street. Ms. Lucas's work seeks to evoke "the intensity, imagination, and excitement of childhood, filtered through the complexity of experience that adulthood inevitably brings." She works in oil on canvas, wood and paper.

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CAPTURING THE SPIRIT: The artist's son and brother were present at Morven Museum & Garden's opening reception for its first exhibit of fine arts, "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene," featuring the works of Virginia Snedeker (1909 - 2000), the great-great-great granddaughter of the first mistress of Morven, Annis Boudinot Stockton. That's the artist's son Robert D. Taylor of Asbury on the far left--and on the wall behind him as a child in a portrait painted by his mother. With him on either side of Martha Leigh Wolf, executive director of Morven, are the artist's brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Mary Ellen Snedeker of the Grovers Mill section of West Windsor. The other portrait is of the artist's daughter, Jean. For more information about the Snedeker Exhibit and visitor information, please call (609) 924-8144 or visit www.morven.org.

Arts Council Presenting Cinco de Mayo Festival

The Arts Council of Princeton and the Princeton Shopping Center will collaborate in a Cinco de Mayo celebration that will take place in the Shopping Center courtyard from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 5. Live authentic Mariachi music will be provided by Swing Sabroso, and there will be hands-on Mexican-art-making with professional artists, as well as food and drink from Shopping Center restaurants, including Taste of Mexico and Main Street Grill.

In case of rain the event will take place in the conTEMPORARY Arts Center next to Eckerd Pharmacy.

The festival will begin with family-friendly art workshops geared toward decorating the courtyard for the event. Everyone is invited to participate in the art-making workshops. Participants of all ages will be guided by Arts Council artists in creating Mexican inspired decorations.

At 5 p.m. the Shopping Center will become a Salsa party with Swing Sabroso, which was formed in 2001 by Ray Rodriguez. Swing Sabroso includes Ray Rodriguez, Eddie Muñiz, Frank Villafañe, Khadafy Khan, Gil Velez, Justino Vargas, Luis Moreno, and Curtis Rodriguez.

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the battle between the Mexican army and the French army on May 5, 1862 in Puebla, Mexico. Though Mexico did not win its independence on this date, it is widely celebrated for the strength and character shown by the Mexican people against the formidable forces of the French military.

This Cinco de Mayo event is the first in a series of collaborations between the non-profit Arts Council of Princeton and the Princeton Shopping Center. The two organizations will present the Princeton Passport Concert Series every Thursday evening from June through August.

For more information please call Mike LaRiccia at (609) 924-8777 ext.106, or visit the Arts Council of Princeton's website at www.artscouncilof princeton.org.

'SELF-PORTRAIT': This 23" x 30" acrylic by Gilda K. Aronovic is part of a retrospective of her paintings on view at Henderson/Sotheby's International Realty at 34 Chambers Street in Princeton through June 23. Gallery hours are daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Artist/Real Estate Broker Subject of Retrospective

Real estate broker Gilda K. Arnonovic, who has been juggling art and real estate for 30 years, is currently exhibiting her paintings in a retrospective at Henderson/Sotheby's International Realty at 34 Chambers Street in Princeton through June 23. Gallery hours are daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ms. Aronovic's career as an artist was launched when she took a class by Sam Feinstein, a student of Hans Hofmann. That was only the beginning. For the next 25 years, she was a member of his class, where the emphasis was on color forms, complexes, and gesture. Also influenced by DeKooning and Joan Mitchell, Ms. Arnonovic was awarded a Best in Show at the Montgomery Center for the Arts in 2002.

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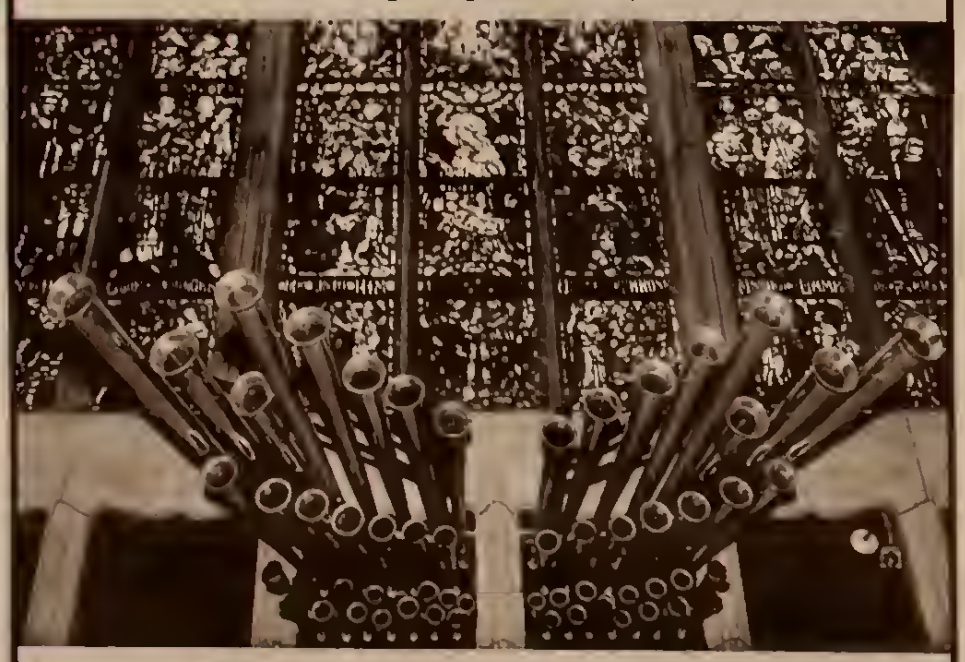

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"LIFTING CLOUDS": This pastel by Nancy Silvia will be on display as part of the Coryell Gallery's Annual Spring Exhibition from now through May 28. Also on view are pastels by Nancy Silvia.

AREA EXHIBITS

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located in the Princeton Shopping Center, is presenting a new exhibit featuring the work of Susan Hoenig that will run through May 18.

A.R.T.space Gallery, 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton, will be presenting "The Passion of the Underdogs," which will feature painting and sculpture by contemporary artists working with A.R.T. at Woodbridge Developmental Center in Woodbridge. The exhibit will be on view through May 5.

Coryell Gallery in Lambertville is exhibiting cityscapes and landscapes by Marge Chavooshian and Nancy Silvia for the Annual Spring Exhibition from now through May 28. The gallery is at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Cranbury Station Galley at 28 Palmer Square East is presenting Sydney Neuwirth's artworks on ballet, "Preparation and Performance," through April 30.

Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, is presenting a joint exhibition by two Gallery 14 members, Tasha O'Neill and Martin Schwartz. The exhibit will run through May 28. The gallery is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

Grounds for Sculpture's Toad Hall Shop & Gallery is currently presenting "Driven: Kinetic Sculpture by Jeff Kahn and Rein Triefeldt" through July 15, 2006. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Other exhibits, on view through April 30, are "Menhirs, Dreams, Myths, and Deities," "Balanced Dialogue: 10th Anniversary of the Hungarian Sculptors Society," and the International Sculpture Center's 2005 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Henderson/Sotheby's International Realty at 34 Chambers Street in Princeton is presenting a retrospective of paintings by Gilda K. Aronovic through June 23. Gallery hours are daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Historical Society of Princeton is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

The Hopewell Frame Shop Gallery at 24 Broad Street in Hopewell will be hosting an exhibition of watercolors by Lawrenceville resident Alice Warshaw through April 29.

The Hunterdon Museum of Art is presenting an exhibit featuring Ilene Sunshine and Bennett Bean. The exhibit will run through June 4. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting a major exhibition of works by photographer Ansel Adams through May 14. "Radical Vision: The Revolution in American Photography," which will be on view through May 28. Two new exhibits: "The Heart of Haiti," which features 20 portraits by Philadelphia-area photographer Andrea Baldeck, will run through July 9. "An Enduring Gift:The Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest Collection," will be on view through July 2. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

An exhibition featuring 160 of Judith Leiber's award-winning handbags will be open through April 30 in the Della Penna Gallery of the **James A. Michener Art Museum in New Hope.** For more information, call 215-862-7633, or, for both museums, visit www.michenerartmuseum.org.

The Montgomery Center for the Arts is presenting an exhibition entitled "In Diaspora: NJ Artists of Indo-Pakistani Heritage," set to run through April 30.

Morven Museum is presenting "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene," its first exhibit of fine art, which will run through November 26.

The New Jersey State Museum in Trenton is currently hosting the exhibition, "Photographs by African-Americans: Works in the Collection of the New Jersey State Museum," in the Alcove Gallery in the Museum's Auditorium through April 30. The museum is located at 225 West State Street.

The Numina Gallery at Princeton High School will be showing a selection of works by Raphael Montanez Ortiz and Monique Ortiz-Arndt through April 28.

The Peggy Lewis Gallery at the Lambertville Public Library is presenting "Terra Nova, New Paintings by Diane M. Santarella," which will run through May 17.

The Present Day Club at 72 Stockton Street in Princeton, is presenting an exhibit of the work of illustrator Gennady Spirin through April 30. The public is invited to visit the exhibit between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The Princeton Day School is featuring works by sculptors Dana Stewart, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth McCue in a recently installed sculpture park on the grounds of the main campus. The display will be on view until June 15, 2006. The school is at 650 the Great Road, Princeton.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting a major exhibition, "Mir Iskusstva: Russia's Age of Elegance," which will be on view through June 11. "Worldly Guardians of the Buddhist Law," an exhibition of handscrolls, will be on view at the Princeton University Art Museum through July 9. The exhibition, "Andy Warhol: Electric Chair," will run through June 25.

Small World Coffee in Princeton is hosting the work of 15 Garden Club of Princeton photographers in "The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Preserve: Images and Perspectives." The exhibit will run through May 2.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park and the Trenton Museum Society are presenting the Ellarslie Open XXIV, "The Best of the Best," through June 11. The opening reception will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on April 29.

The University Medical Center at Princeton will be showcasing the work of close to 100 artists in ArtFirst!, an international juried exhibition and sale featuring art and fine crafts by professional artists with physical and mental disabilities. The show will run through Friday, May 5. Hours are 11a.m. to 8 p.m daily.

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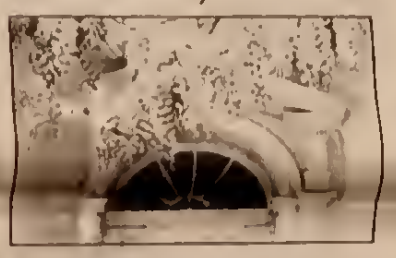

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12:30 to 2 p.m.: "Seniors on the Move" Brown Bag Lunch; Princeton Senior Resource Center, Suzanne Patterson Center.

7 p.m.: Lecture by Martha J. King, *Lives* in *Letters: Editing the Papers of Jefferson and Madison*; Room 302, Frist Campus Center, Princeton University. Free.

7 p.m.: Talk by Marc Levinson, author of *The Box*; Princeton University Bookstore.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: *Gunmetal Blues*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Thursday and Saturday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Thursday, April 27

8 a.m.: Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce Lawrence Chapter breakfast meeting with Lawrence Township Mayor Michael Powers; Green Acres Country Club.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Area Homeschool Choir; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary.

8 p.m.: *A Stone Carver*; Passage Theatre, Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Nunsense*; Wilcox Blackbox Theater, Wilson College. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *The Marriage of Figaro*; The Playhouse, Westminster Choir College. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

Friday, April 28

7:30 p.m.: Unquiet Fridays concert with New Jersey Opera Theater's Singer Circle; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Monster Trucks Thrill Show; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton. Also Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Sourland Hills Actors Guild's production of *Freedom Bound*; Montgomery Upper Middle School Theater, 375 Burnt Hill Road, Skillman. Also Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Twelfth Night*; Yvonne Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville. Also Saturday at 8 p.m. 8 p.m.: Hopewell Valley Chorus Spring Concert; Pennington Presbyterian Church.

8 p.m.: Westminster Symphonic Choir, *Visions of God*; Princeton University Chapel.

8 p.m.: *Side By Side By Sondheim*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Godspell*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Boheme Opera, *Susannah*; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton. Also Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: Pianist Emmanuele Arciuli; James A. Michener Art Museum, New Hope, Pa.

8 p.m.: Peter, Paul and Mary; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Orchestra's annual Stuart B. Mindlin Memorial Concert; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Bill Tucker and James Oakes; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 29

8 a.m.: Jazz Mentors Clinic; New Montgomery High School, Skillman.

8:30 a.m.: Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton's Footprints Walk-a-Thon; Towpath near Route 27, Kingston.

10 a.m. to noon: Citizen Workshop; YWCA Bramwell House, Paul Robeson Place. To register, call (609) 497-2100.

2 and 7 p.m.: *The Importance of Being Earnest*; West Windsor Plainsboro High School South.

7 p.m.: Tony Mennella and The Dick Braytenbah Trio; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

8 p.m.: Dave Brubeck Quartet; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *Godspell*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Bliggins & Goines; Hillbilly Hall, Hopewell. Free.

8 p.m.: Jazz Mentors Concert; New Montgomery High School, Skillman.

Sunday, April 30

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Annual Grad Group Flea Market; YWCA Princeton, Paul Robeson Place. For information, call (609) 520-1633.

11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.: Estate Park and Nature Tour; Duke Farms, Hillsborough. For reservations call (908) 722-3700.

2:30 p.m.: Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra's Youth Helping Youth benefit concert; St. Anthony Church, Hamilton.

3 p.m.: Westminster Concert Bell Choir; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

3 p.m.: Richardson Chamber Players; Richardson Auditorium.

5 to 10 p.m.: YWCA Princeton benefit, Fiesta Dia del Niño; Mediterra Restaurant, Palmer Square. For reservations, call (609) 497-2100, ext. 316.

7 p.m.: Central New Jersey Handbell Festival; Alumni Gymnasium, Rider University, Lawrenceville.

7 p.m.: Federico García Lorca's *La Casa de Bernorda Alba*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

7:30 p.m.: Friends of Hopewell Public Library Annual Benefit, "Wine and Words," with Jim Fisher, author of The *Lindbergh Cose*; Off Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale, Haydn's *The Creation*; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica, *A Topestry of Jewish Music*; Adath Israel Congregation, Lawrenceville.

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6 p.m.: Drum Circle; Kilmer Park, New Brunswick.

Tuesday, May 2

8:30 a.m.: Borough Merchants for Princeton Board, Nassau Inn.

8 p.m.: Miami City Ballet; McCarter Theatre.

Wednesday, May 3

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Fedora Cafe, Lawrenceville.

7 p.m.: Concert of Renaissance music by La Spirita Viola Da Gamba Consort; Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, Lawrenceville.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Chorus; Kelsey Theatre, West Windsor. Free.

Thursday, May 4

11:30 a.m.: Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Luncheon; Doral Forrestal Conference Center.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band; Kelsey Theatre, West Windsor. Free.

8 p.m.: *A Stone Corver*; Passage Theatre, Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m.

Friday, May 5

4 to 7 p.m.: Cinco de Mayo Festival; Princeton Shopping Center courtyard. Free.

5 to 7 p.m.: Morven in May Garden Party fund-raiser; Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street. For reservations, call (609) 924-8144, ext. 100.

7 p.m.: The Dark Star Orchestra; McCarter Theatre.

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Wednesday, Apr 26:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
12:30 p.m. Seniors on the Move; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
2:00 p.m. Group Drumming; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, Apr 27:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Shakespeare Off the Page; PCV.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art with Hannah; SPB.
2:00 p.m. Science Tuesday on Thursday; Borough Hall.
2:00 p.m. Love Lives of the Composers; SPB.

Friday, Apr 28:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Senior Citizen Club Meeting; SPB.

Monday, May 1:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Senior Citizens' Club Board; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, May 2:
10:00 a.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
12:30 p.m. Digital Photo; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Literature; SC.
2:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, May 3:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
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THEATER REVIEW

College: The Musical

It's Party Time on Campus in Intime's "College: The Musical;" Student-Written Show Features Ensemble of 16 in Tuneful Comedy

I'm about 35 years too old to be the target audience for College: *The Musical*, the student-written, student-directed, student- performed and produced show currently at Theatre Intime, so I'll try to provide a couple of different perspectives on the proceedings: Part I—A Review from the Old Curmudgeon Generation and Part II—(An Attempt at) Views from the College-Age Generation (which I presume is the intended audience here). Feel free to skip either (or both), but you may want to stick around for good news coming up in the second half of this review.

I. When you realize that College: *the Musical* starts and ends with the same production number titled "Jay's Party" and reaches its climax in "Alcohollelula," a rousing tribute to "the defining feature of the college experience"—then the rest of the evening offers few surprises.

Other features of the thin plot include the futile attempts of security guard Agnes to break up the parties in suite 212, a conflict over Jose the resident mouse, boys' obsessions over video games ("You got to understand that it brings a boy joy") and the romantic entanglements of two couples, who split up, hook up with other partners, then get back together again at the end.

And as for the exploration (promised in the publicity release) of "the existential crisis which every college student undergoes"—serious reflections here amount to several repetitions of "How amazing is this?" with "this" apparently referring to the partying and drinking; a brief moment of remorse by one or two characters who, before they start gearing up for the next party, do wonder, "Why do we do this every weekend?"; an angst-filled duet by the two male protagonists who finally admit, "Deep down we all feel lost;" and a choral expression of confusion and regression to childhood: "All we want is just to know what we want. We're just kids, looking for answers to questions we don't know how to ask."

Yes, there is a satiric tone throughout and a vague sense that these relentlessly immature, hearty-partying, heavy-drinking, over-indulged youths are at least ridiculous, if not immoral. But it's not as if anybody learns anything, and the party continues through to the end of the show—and presumably onwards until graduation. The only alternative here is offered by one student, ridiculed and thwarted by all his peers, who does try to read his biology text book and actually even goes off to class (late) at one point.

At best, College: *The Musical* passes for a mildly diverting, plotless and insubstantial but moderately tuneful evening of music, dance, and carousal. At worst, it is a repetitive paean to alcohol, immaturity, and self-destructive behaviors (all of the seven deadly sins in abundance here—all at least condoned, most glorified). Humor arising from drunken behavior quickly wears thin in our contemporary society, where news of the tragic effects of alcohol abuse, especially on college campuses, makes the headlines almost every day.

PARTY TIME: The college party scene comes to life in song, dance and drama in "College: The Musical," written by undergraduates Scott Elmegreen and Drew Fornarola and playing at Theatre Intime on the Princeton University campus for one more weekend, through April 29.

II. On a more positive note, the students in the large, appreciative audience on opening night seemed to thoroughly enjoy the show. The laughter was constant throughout the evening. Some spectators were obviously getting jokes that I missed.

Scott Elmegreen, a junior, and Drew Fornarola, a senior, have collaborated to write a clever, funny book. The lyrics are witty. The rock music score is melodic and engaging. Much of the dialogue is sharp, mostly believable and often very funny. There are approximately a dozen musical numbers, that reflect and develop the characters and their passions—for drinking, for partying, for video games, for each other—and their worries.

Ben Mains, a senior, directs with a sure hand and keeps the action moving briskly and smoothly, effectively staging the large, full-cast production numbers and skillfully attending also to the quieter, more intense exchanges between characters. Choreography by Molly Ephraim is simple and effective.

"College" is perhaps most effective when it takes itself least seriously. There are delightfully silly, satiric moments when the video boys (Steve Apple, Sean Effinger-Dean, Mr. Elmegreen, and Chris Berg) perform the hilarious "Click, Bang!" quartet and balletic pas de quatre, joined by Margaret Riley and Jazmine Da Costa; and when Sarah-Ashley Bischoff (Officer Agnes) joins with Paulo Quiros (Jay) to reflect on the fact that "College Kids are Idiots!" as the rest of the cast—well supplied with booze and drugs, whipped cream, marshmallows and Tabasco sauce—cavorts around the stage, more than living up to its billing.

Mr. Effinger-Dean and Ms. Ephraim are an appealing and credible ingénue romantic couple, and Mr. Elmegreen and Amy Widdowson effectively portray the affections and travails of a long-time relationship.

Mr. Effinger-Dean leads the singers, but there are a number of strong voices in the cast and considerable dance talent as well. Jon Feyer, Faaria Kherani, Bridget Durkin, Nicole Greenbaum, Alex Limpaecher and Greg Taubman all provide commendable support.

The capable four-piece, off-stage band, directed by Mr. Fornarola, features John Fontein and John Norwood on bass, Evan Green on drums and Michael Hammond on lead guitar.

The high-energy company is well rehearsed, talented, and appealing. In keeping with the prevailing spirit of College: *the Musical*, everybody genuinely seems to be having a good time.

Ed Davisson and Scott Grzenczyk designed the sturdy, functional set, representing the party room of the suite, with five doors upstage leading to five different students' rooms. Carey Jones has assembled an impressive array of properties, including kegs, liquor bottles, beer cans, dozens of diverse posters covering the walls, and piles of debris and accoutrements to adorn this dormitory room.

So is College: *The Musical* a decadent, tedious self-indulgence or a defining picture of college kids in the first decade of the 21st century, in the tradition of *Rent*, which ten years ago gave us a picture of a slightly older generation in New York City at the end of the 20th century? As one perceptive character observes in the opening number, on the first of three consecutive *party nights, "The whole place smells* like socks. /My god this party rocks!"

—Donald Gilpin

Theatre Intime's College: The Musical *will play April 27-29, with performances at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday on the Princeton University campus. For tickets call (609) 258-1742 or order online at www.princeton.edu/utickets or visit the Intime website at www.theatreintime.org.*

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McCarter to Present World Premiere Of Beth Henley's "Ridiculous Fraud"

McCarter Theatre's 2005-06 theater season will conclude in May and June with the world premiere of *Ridiculous Fraud*, a boisterous and bittersweet new comedy by the Pulitzer Prize winning American playwright Beth Henley. The play will be directed by Obie Award winner Lisa Peterson.

Previews will begin Friday, May 5, with an official press opening on Friday, May 12. Performances will then continue through Sunday, June 11.

A Pulitzer Prize winner for *Crimes of the Heart*, Ms. Henley returns to her Southern roots in *Ridiculaus Froud*, a saga that finds humor and humanity in life's most calamitous twists and turns. A disastrous New Orleans wedding rehearsal dinner, the latest in a series of unfortunate events that have befallen the Clay brothers, sets the stage for *Ridiculaus Fraud*. Daddy's in jail for fraud, Uncle Baites has taken up with a panhandler, and Lafcad has just called off his own wedding. What family doesn't have its ups and downs?

The cast will feature former *Hill Street Blues* star and four-time Emmy nominee Charles Haid; film and stage actor Reg Rogers of *Runaway Bride*; and television actor and Rutgers alumnus Tim DeKay, best known for his work on *Carnivale* and *My Nome is Earl*. John Carroll Lynch of *The Drew Carey Show*, Broadway veteran Barbara Garrick, Catherine Kellner, Daniel London, and Ali Marsh round out the cast.

The show's scenic design will be by Tony Award winner Michael Yeargan, costume design by Tony Award winner Jess Goldstein, lighting design by Tony Award winner Peter Kaczorowski, and sound design by Martin Desjardins.

In addition to *Crimes of the Heart*, Ms. Henley's plays include *The Miss Firecrocker Contest*, *The Woke of Jamey Faster*, *The Debutante Ball*, *Abundance*, *Contral Freaks*, and *Impossible Morriage*. Her work has been produced internationally and translated into ten languages. She currently serves as a professor of theatre arts at Loyola Marymount University.

Mr. Haid has appeared in over 35 starring roles in television and films including *Criminal Minds*, *Third Wotch*, *The Third Miracle*, *Who'll Stop The Rain*, and *Hill Street Blues*, for which he earned four Emmy nominations. His television directing credits include ten pilots and more than 40 hours of episodes of *ER*, *NYPD Blue*, and the pilot of *Murder One*. His documentary on Hurricane Katrina is currently in post-production with Lion's Gate Films.

Mr. DeKay was seen on Broadway in *The Show Off* with Pat Carroll and Boyd Gaines. Off-Broadway he played the title role in *Billy Budd* at Circle in the Square. On National Tour he appeared in *The Lion in Winter* with George Peppard. He has also starred as Clayton Jones for the past two seasons on the HBO series *Cornivole*.

Ms. Garrick has appeared on Broadway in *Eastern Standard*, *A Smoll Family Business*, *Stonley*, and *A Thausand Clawns*. Her TV credits include *Law & Order*, *Sex and the City*, and *One Life ta Live*.

Ms. Kellner has appeared in many Broadway productions including *The Icemon Cometh* with Kevin Spacey. Her film credits include *Peorl Horbor*, *Six Degrees of Seporatian*, *Rosewood*, *Shoft*, *200 Cigorettes*, *Restauront*, *Outpotient*, and *Road*, for which she received the best actress award at the Los Angeles Film Festival.

The performance schedule will be Tuesdays through Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Saturday matinees at 3 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, May 14, McCarter will offer a Dialogue on Drama following the performance. Two post-performance discussions will be held on Wednesday, May 17 and Sunday, May 21. An American Sign Language linterpreted performance will be held on Saturday, June 10 at 3 p.m.; the audio described performance will be Sunday, June 11 at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from $35 to $48, and may be purchased by calling the McCarter ticket office at (609) 258-2787 or by visiting www.mccarter.org.

EXPRESSING BALANCHINE: Carlos Guerra and Jennifer Kronenberg will be the principal dancers in choreographer George Balanchine's "Stravinsky Violin Concerto" when McCarter Theatre presents Edward Villella's Miami City Ballet on Tuesday, May 2 at 8 p.m. The program will mark the Princeton premieres of both the Balanchine work and Jerome Robbins' "Dances at a Gathering," set to the music of Chopin. Currently celebrating its 20th anniversary season, the Miami City Ballet is among the largest and most highly regarded ballet companies in the U.S., having earned its director, Edward Villella, recognition as a Kennedy Center honoree, National Medal of Arts recipient, and inductee in the Dancers' Hall of Fame. Tickets at $42 and $45 are available by calling McCarter at (609) 258-2787. *(Photo by Ronna Gradus.)*

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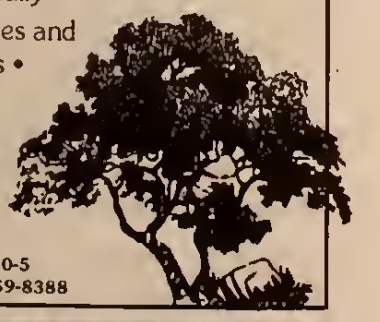

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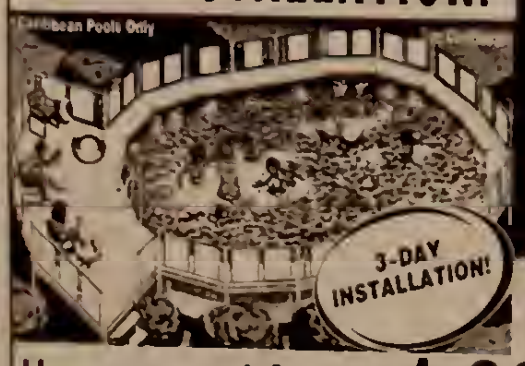

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The Yardley Players will hold auditions for *The Music Mon* on the West Windsor campus of Mercer County Community College this weekend — April 29 and 30 — from noon to 5 p.m. Auditioners should check the Kelsey Theatre signboard for the room location.

All roles are open for actors, singers, dancers, and children who play a brass instrument. Ages range from 7 to 70-plus. Candidates are asked to prepare a song in their voice range and to bring a photo and resume.

Auditions are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call Marge Swider at (215) 968-1904.

Performance dates will be July 14 to July 23 at the Kelsey Theatre.

For additional information, call the Kelsey Theatre Audition Hotline at (609) 586-4800, ext. 3582.

The Kelsey Theatre is located on the MCCC campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road.

State Theatre to Offer "The Big Comfy Couch"

The popular children's television show *The Big Comfy Couch* will stop at New Brunswick's State Theatre on Friday, May 19 at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Currently airing on PBS Kids in the U.S., The Big Comfy Couch encourages participation from children and parents. The interactive show features Loonette the clown-girl and her best friend Molly the Dolly; Granny Garbanzo; Major Bedhead, the Governor of Clowntown; and a host of clowns from Clowntown. The characters show up on Loonette's journey after she wakes up on the Big Comfy Couch with a forget-me-not bow on her finger. The problem is, she can't remember what she wasn't supposed to forget.

Written by Erica Ehm and directed by the award-winning choreographer Patti Caplette, *Comfy Couch* features original songs and music by Da Capo productions.

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Under the baton of Maestro Neeme Järvi, the Orchestra will also perform Eduard Tubin's *Fourth Symphony* and Samuel Barber's *Overture to The School for Scondol.*

The NJSO concert will also be presented on Saturday, May 13 at NJPAC in Newark at 8 p.m., and Tuesday, May 16 at NJPAC at 1:30 p.m.

Now completing his first season as the music director of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Järvi is also chief conductor of the The Hague Residentie Orchestra in the Netherlands. As music director emeritus of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, principal conductor emeritus of the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra (National Orchestra of Sweden), conductor laureate of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, and first principal guest conductor of the Japan Philharmonic Orchestra, he is one of today's busiest conductors, making frequent guest appearances with major orchestras throughout the world.

Mr. Bronfman's commanding technique and lyricism have won him enthusiastic audiences worldwide, whether for his solo recitals, orchestral engagements, or catalogue of recordings. He won a Grammy award in 1997 for his recording of three Bartok piano concertos with Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Tickets are $75, $62, $50, $35, and $20, and may be ordered by calling the NJSO ticket office at (800) 255-3476 Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Opera Theater Singers At Library This Friday

New Jersey Opera Theater will return to Princeton Public Library this Friday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m., when the company's Singer Circle appears in the Community Room as part of the Library's Unquiet Fridays series.

Composed of young singers who perform in the company's educational outreach tours of *The Magic Flute* and *Carmen*, the Singer Circle will be heard at the library in a free program of arias and ensembles.

The Princeton-based NJOT, which appeared at the library last July to preview its first season at McCarter Theatre, believes that appearances such as those at the library give the public a chance to mingle with the company's members, ask questions, and discover more about opera.

The library's Unquiet Fridays series will continue May 19, when Latin jazz guitarist Arturo Romay appears in the Community Room at 7:30 p.m.

Area Homeschool Choir Plans Spring Concerts

The Princeton Area Homeschool Choir, featuring singers ranging in age from 5 to 18, will present its annual Spring Concert twice this weekend — on Friday, April 27 at Miller Chapel at Princeton Theological Seminary at 7:30 p.m., and on Saturday, April 29 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morrisville, Pa. at 4 p.m.

The Seminary concert on friday will showcase the Covenant Choir and Kindred Singers divisions of the Homeschool Choir as they present a variety of musical selections. The concert will have no admission charge, but a free will offering will benefit the PAHC scholarship fund.

The Morrisville concert will feature 125 choristers from every Homeschool Choir division. Tickets, available at the door, will be $5 for adults, with children free.

Folk Society to Host Gillette-Mangsen Duo

The Princeton Folk Music Society will complete its 2005-06 season on Friday, May 19, with a performance by Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen at Christ Congregation Church at 8:15 p.m.

Both Mr. Gillette and Ms. Mangsen had won widespread recognition as folk musicians before their marriage in 1989. Since then they have continued their careers individually while performing together frequently, influencing each other's musical styles. They have each issued numerous records singly; have recorded three albums as a duo; and have collaborated with Anne Hills and Michael Smith to produce *Fourtofd*, an album of story songs in four-part harmony.·

Ms. Mangsen's repertoire includes original songs and those of other contemporary writers. She plays guitar, concertina, mountain dulcimer, and banjo. She also performs as a part of a trio with Priscilla Herdman and Anne Hills.

Mr. Gillette's musical style reflects his roots in traditional music and the singer-songwriter movement of the mid-sixties. His unique guitar style uses a flat pick and two fingers, with virtuosity that has been compared to Doc Watson's. He is considered a master songwriter by his fellow musicians. His song Dorcy *Farrow* has been recorded by more than 100 performers. He has composed and sung songs for numerous MGM and Walt Disney movies.

Admission to the concert will be $15 for the public, $10 for members of the Folk Music Society and affiliated organizations, and $3 for children 11 and under.

The opening event for the Folk Music Society's 2006-07 season will be a performance on Friday, September 15 by singer-songwriter Christine Lavin. For more information, call (609) 799-0944, or visit www.princetonfolk.org.

HARMONIOUS COUPLE: The married folk duo of Cindy Mangsen and Steve Gillette will perform a Princeton Folk Music Society concert on Friday, May 19 at Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, at 8:15 p.m. Tickets, available at the door, will be $10 for Society members, $15 for non-members. *(Photo by Irene Young)*

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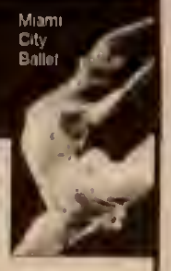

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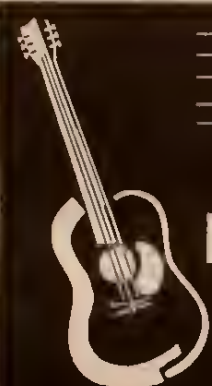

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The lecture is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

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Local 4th Grader Will Be Chamber Group Soloist

When Temple University's Classic Strings ensemble performs Vivaldi's *Sonoto in E* minor this Saturday, April 29 at Tomlinson Hall in Philadelphia, the cello soloist will be Zachary Mowitz of Princeton, a 10-year-old fourth grader at the Princeton Charter School.

The youth is principal cellist with the ensemble, part of Temple's Musical Preparatory Division's Program for Gifted Young Musicians. Admission to the ensemble is by audition only. The program provides musical training at the highest level and performance opportunities for gifted young instrumentalists during the University's fall and spring semesters.

Mr. Mowitz studies with Lynne Beiler, a Suzuki cello teacher well known in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. In March, for the second year in a row, he was one of a select group of students chosen by audition from throughout New Jersey to participate in the Handler Master Class at the JCC Thumauer School of Music in Tenafly. He is also an active chamber musician who plays in a piano trio at the Mary Louise Curtiss branch of the Settlement Music School in Philadelphia

Zachary Mowitz

The young Mr. Mowitz comes from a musical family. His older brother Aaron, a sophomore at Princeton High School, is an accomplished violinist and violist who also participates in Temple's Program for Gifted Young Musicians. The boys' father, Ira J. Mowitz of Princeton, is a prominent composer of contemporary music whose work *Shimmerings* will be featured at the international Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C. this Memorial Day weekend.

State Theatre to Host Drum Circle on Monday

On Monday, May 1 at 6 p.m., the State Theatre will host a free drum circle in New Brunswick's Kilmer Park "to celebrate spring and experience the excitement and rhythms of the world of percussion." The drum circle will be led by members of the Manhattan-based Ethos Percussion Group, a 15-year-old troupe of percussionists that integrates global instruments and playing styles into the conventions of Western chamber music.

A drum circle is a community music-making event where people seated in a circle join in the playing of hand percussion instruments. The music is created in the moment, with a facilitator rather than a teacher or conductor. Because there is no audience — everyone is invited to participate — there is also no admission charge. No experience is necessary; participants should bring their own hand percussion instruments such as claves, maracas, shakers, bongos, congas, tambourines, cowbells, tar, riq, or other instruments. Pans, buckets, washboards, spoons, and other makeshift instruments are equally welcome.

Since its founding in 1989 by Michael Sgouros, Ethos has remained committed to advancing the percussive arts in education as well as performance. In addition to presenting clinics and master classes at The Juilliard School, Eastman School of Music, and Berklee College of Music, Ethos has worked with thousands of students in New York City's public schools through concert and classroom activities. The ensemble has performed numerous commissioned works and world premieres for such composers as John Cage, Lou Harrison, and Steve Reich.

Kilmer Park is located on the corner of George and Albany Streets.

Those interested in joining the drum circle are asked to contact Lisa Beth Vettoso, State Theatre Education Programs Manager, at (732) 247-7200, ext. 534 to register.

Montgomery High School Hosting Jazz on Saturday

An all-day Jazz Mentors clinic will take place this Saturday, April 29 at the New Montgomery High School in Skillman, followed by a concert at 8 p.m.

Presented in association with the Berklee College of Music, the Jazz Mentors Program is the first in a planned series of celebrity based teaching clinics and jazz concerts open to the public. It will be directed by Gary Anderson, a Grammy Award winning TV and film music composer.

Mentors featured on the roster are Randy Brecker (trumpet) of the Brecker Brothers; Peter Erskine (drums), formerly with Weather Report and currently Diana Krall's drummer; Lou "Blue Lou" Marini (saxophone) of *The Blue Brothers* movie and *Saturday Night Live*; Gil Goldstein, pianist for Gil Evans and Joe Lovano; Bob Sheppard (saxophone), a touring member of Steely Dan; Dave Carpenter (bass), a Los Angeles based studio musician; and Steve Cardenas (guitar), who recently toured with Norah Jones.

The program will also offer a recording engineering and sound design clinic, featuring three-time Grammy Award winner Cynthia Daniels. The workshop will be limited to ten students.

The clinic will begin with registration at 8 a.m., and continue until 6 p.m. The fee for the all-day clinic and concert, which includes continental breakfast, box lunch, all day snack bar, Italian buffet dinner, official Jazz Mentors tee shirt, and a ticket to the evening concert, will be $250. The program also has scholarships available for those who qualify.

The evening concert will feature Peter Erskine, Randy Brecker, Lou Marini, Gil Goldstein, Bob Sheppard, Dave Carpenter, and Steve Cardenas. Admission will be $20 for adults, $15 for students and seniors, and $10 for groups of ten or more.

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Community College Plans Choral and Jazz Concerts

The Mercer County Community College Chorus and Jazz Band will perform in separate back-to-back concerts, on Wednesday, May 3 at 8 p.m. and Thursday, May 4 at 8 p.m., respectively. Both concerts will be held in MCCC's Kelsey Theatre on the school's West Windsor campus.

Admission to both concerts is free and open to the public.

Directed by Marjorie Herman, D.M., with Beth Ertz as the accompanist, the Chorus includes college music majors and other students. The concert's "Hymn to Nature" theme will draw from poetry and choral music inspired by the natural world. Mozart will be represented in recognition of the 250th anniversary of his birthday. The concert will also include a madrigal by early Renaissance composer Jacques Arcadelt, folksongs from America and Africa, and three pieces from Randall Thompson's *Frostiana*, based on nature poems by Robert Frost.

The Jazz Band, directed by Prof. James Kelly, will perform such jazz classics as Dizzy Gillespie's *Groovin High* and Toots Thielman's *Bluesette*, along with Tower of Power's soul-funk excursion, *What is Hip?*

In addition to the compositions for the full band, the jazz concert will feature small groups of students displaying their improvisational skills.

Hopewell Valley Chorus Plans Its Spring Concert

The Hopewell Valley Chorus will hold its Spring Concert this Friday, April 28 at the Pennington Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m.

Titled Ain'a That Good News: The Mony Voices of Freedom, the concert will feature a medley from *Rogtime*, songs by Stephen Foster, gospel arrangements by Moses Hogan and William Dawson, jazz by George Gershwin, and American folk arrangements by Bob Dylan.

Admission will be $11 for adults, $7 for seniors and students. To order, call (609) 737-3177.

The Pennington Presbyterian Church is located at 13 South Main Street, Pennington.

Music for and by Children On Chorale's May Program

Music by Handel, Mozart, and composers under the age of twelve will be featured in the next concert of Pennington's Voices Chorale, which will be presented twice, on Friday, May 12 in Pennington, and on Saturday, May 13 in Southampton, Pa. The Pennington concert will be held at the Pennington Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m.; the Southampton concert at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 8 p.m.

Voices Chorale is a 60-member auditioned community choir accompanied by professional soloists and chamber orchestra.

The concert will feature music designed for families, including G.F. Handel's Coronotion Anthem *No. 2: The King Shoff Rejoice*; winning works by 5- to 12-year old composers from Voices' 18th annual Music Composition Contest for Children; and John Corigliano's setting of Dylan Thomas' poem *Fern Hill*.

Music by Handel and Corigliano may interest children because of the clear contrasts in the music. Dramatic changes in dynamics occur throughout Handel's Coronotion Anthem, and Corigliano's *Fern Hiff* includes a fox hunt. Texts also depict images most children enjoy, such as a king, a prince, parades, animals, trees, clouds, and stars.

"Children often dream of being a prince or princess, queen or king," said Shirley Piercy, a soprano who will perform in the concert. "If you are not of royal lineage, it's unlikely you will have a crown, but you can dream and we can sing about it."

Handel composed four anthems for the coronation of George II as he ascended to the English throne. The Coronotion Anthems were first performed in Westminster Abbey in 1727. The second of the four anthems, *The King Shall Rejoice*, was performed by Voices Chorale at Carnegie Hall last November. The May concerts will revisit portions of the Carnegie Hall performance.

In remembrance of Mozart's 250th birthday, the Chorale will also sing the *Misso Brevis in F Major*, written in 1774 when the composer was 18 years old. It is known for its brevity and childlike simplicity. "Mozart's writing was influenced by Handel, perhaps more than Bach, as can be heard in the open chords, rhythmic structure, and clear harmonic progressions, and in his festive treatment of the chorus," said Lynne Ransom, the Chorale's music director.

Entries for the Children's Music Composition Contest are now being reviewed by area composers. The winners will be announced and recognized with the chorale's performance at the May 12 and 13 concerts.

Tickets are $18 for general admission, $15 for seniors and students, and $8 for children 12 and under. Family passes are available for $42. For more information, visit www.voiceschorale.org.

Small Miracles Foundation Schedules Benefit Concert

The Small Miracles Foundation will hold its second annual Benefit Concert and International Banquet, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 21 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Princeton. The teachers and students of Small Miracles will perform works in many styles, including classical violin, piano, jazz drums, and Indian classical improvisation, to help raise money to benefit future teachers and musicians.

Founded in 1996 by pianist and *Release the Butterfly* author Robert Diefendorf, the foundation offers music lessons to gifted students from low income families. "Our mission is to provide as many children as possible with private music instruction and to instill the love of learning in our talented high schoolers," said Mr. Diefendorf. "We believe that playing a musical instrument will enhance intellectual development, give spiritual sustenance, and bridge the social divide that often exists in unseen ways." The foundation was recently awarded the Princeton Area Community Foundation Mercer County grant and the Stellar Community Foundation grant.

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Featuring a variety of groups, the program will run from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

The evening's headliners will be The Darla Rich Group, a husband-and-wife team of professional musicians — Darla Isaacs Tarpinian and Rich Tarpinian. "We're delighted to welcome the Darla Rich Group, which excels at swing with unique vocal and instrumental arrangements," said Dotty Westgate, whose trio, Dotty and Friends, performs regularly at the Café.

Mrs. Tarpinian, who sings and plays bass, and her husband Rich, who plays guitar and sings, also perform in trio and quartet configurations.

Also on the program will be a first-time collaborative performance of the Tarpinians and the Tritones, an a cappella singing trio. In addition to the Tritones — Ms. Westgate, Heather Robbins and Jan Gottlieb — the audience will hear from another Music Café regular, pianist and composer-arranger Ken Schmidt.

The second part of the evening is usually devoted to an open-mike segment and jamming, often featuring surprise guests. Performers at recent Café nights have included Stafan Liljas, a native of Sweden, who sang classical and folk songs from around the world, and Glenn Swann, who played the Japanese bamboo flute, an instrument not often seen or heard in the U.S.

A suggested donation of $5 includes admission and light refreshments.

The Café is located at 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman. For more information, call (609) 921-3272 or visit www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com.

Youth Orchestra Concert To Benefit AIDS Orphans

Youth Helping Youth, a benefit performance of the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra, will take place this Sunday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m. in St. Anthony Church, Hamilton, to raise funds for Ugandan families devastated by AIDS.

The concert is sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton as part of its global partnership with the Diocese of Kasana-Luweero in Uganda, where the AIDS pandemic has claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of adults, leaving behind an untold number of orphaned children and teens.

Many of the Ugandan young people must care not only for themselves, but also for younger siblings, without the benefit of proper nutrition, adequate shelter, education, or health care.

One in a series of events marking the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Trenton, the concert will reflect Catholic social teaching, the main theme of the year-long observance. The concert will also pay tribute to the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth, with selections by Mozart and Italian composers in the European Baroque tradition, telling the story of Christ's birth, development, Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

The 90-minute program will be performed by the Chamber Orchestra of the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra, an independent music program for talented middle and high school students from communities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Joining the performance will be Princeton Pro Musica vocalists Mary Tigg, Margaret Evans, Drew Nielson, Will Grimmer, and Aurora Micu.

The Youth Helping Youth program will be conducted by Fernando Raucci, who has served as GPYO musical director for the past five years.

Benefit tickets, at a suggested donation of $15 for adults and $10 for students and senior citizens, will be available at the door before the performance, or in advance by calling the Diocese of Trenton at (609) 406-7400, ext. 5571.

St. Anthony Church is located at 626 South Olden Avenue, Hamilton.

REVIVING THE DEAD: Paying homage to the Grateful Dead on the 40th anniversary of the band's formation, the Dark Star Orchestra will present its acclaimed recreation of a Grateful Dead concert at McCarter Theatre on Friday, May 5 at 7 p.m. Each night on tour, the Chicago-based Dark Star Orchestra decides on performing one show from the more than 2,500 that the Grateful Dead originally performed during their 30 years of popularity. The band presents the complete original set list, song by song, in order, recreating historic music with what Rolling Stone called "fanatical attention to detail." The Washington Post has called the ensemble "the hottest Grateful Dead tribute act going." Tickets are $27 and $30, available by calling the McCarter Theatre box office at (609) 258-2787. Student standing room tickets are $7.

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At-Risk Adolescent Spells Her Way Straight in Inspirational Melodrama

Although Akeelah Anderson (Keke Palmer) skipped the second grade, as an older child, she has stopped living up to her potential. The 11 year-old has recently been behaving like a juvenile delinquent; skipping classes, speaking with slang, and generally dumbing herself down in order to be accepted by her best friend, Georgia (Sahara Garey) and her other classmates at her school which is in the heart of the ghetto in South Central Los Angeles.

ALL I WANT TO DO IS PLAY SCRABBLE: Akeelah Anderson (Keke Palmer) deliberately misbehaves in order to be accepted by her schoolmates in Crenshaw Middle School in South Central Los Angeles. Fortunately, her skill in spelling provides her with a way out of her problems

Akeelah frequently finds herself in trouble with Mr. Welch (Curtis Armstrong), the principal of Crenshaw Middle School. Fortunately for her, he recognizes that the underlying problem is the absence of a role model in Akeelah's life after her father was murdered five years ago.

Her mother (Angela Bassett) is well-meaning but too busy working to keep a roof over the family's head to pay Akeelah much attention. Her big sister, Kiana (Erica Hubbard), is a teenager with a newborn baby, and her big brother, Devon (Lee Thompson Young), is a paratrooper in the Air Force.

Akeelah's fondest childhood memory is of playing Scrabble with her father, a practice which she has secretly continued alone on her computer and which explains why she's something of a spelling savant. Aware of this untapped talent, Principal Welch prods her to enter the school's spelling bee, run by Dr. Larabee (Laurence Fishburne), a one-time spelling champion himself.

After Akeelah easily wins, she's encouraged to prepare for the citywide competition with the goal of qualifying for the Scripps National Bee in Washington, D.C. But she balks, asking, "Why would anybody want to represent a school that can't even put doors on its bathroom stalls?" Also, she knows that she'll be competing against rich white children whose parents can afford coaches.

Fortunately, Dr. Larabee, who resides in her neighborhood, also happens to be on sabbatical and is available and willing to help Akeelah prepare for the national contest.

As they prepare for the big day, Akeelah find a spelling nemesis in Dylan Chiu (Sean Michael), an Asian kid from across the tracks whose father wants him to win more than Dylan does. However, Javier (J.R. Villarreal), from upscale Woodland Hills, befriends her and invites her to his birthday party.

When *Crash* arrived in theaters almost exactly a year ago, I remarked in my review that it was easily the best picture released in 2005 to that point. The same can be said for this crowd-pleaser. Any parents wondering why they don't make wholesome family flicks anymore can stop wondering. Without ever hitting a false note, and pausing for a few lighter moments along the way, this touching tale pprovides a bounty of uplifting messages while taking you on an emotional roller coaster ride guaranteed to leave you wiping away the tears more than once.

Excellent (★★★★). Rated PG for some profanity. Running time: 112 minutes. Studio: Lions Gate Films.

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Akeeloh and the Bee (PG for mild epithets). Keke Palmer stars in the title role in this inspirational tale about the efforts of a precocious 11 year-old from L.A.'s South Central ghetto to make it to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. with the help of a mysterious mentor (Laurence Fishburne) and over the objections of her mother (Angela Bassett).

American Dreamz (PG-13 for sexual references and profanity). Dennis Quaid is at the center of this social satire as a second term President of the United States who is booked by his chief of staff (Willem Dafoe) as a celebrity judge on an American Idol-type, reality-TV series in order to boost his approval rating. With Hugh Grant as the host, Mandy Moore appears as a game show contestant, Jennifer Coolidge as her pushy stage mom, and Marcia Gay Harden as the First Lady.

ATL (PG-13 for sex, expletives, violence, and drug use). Coming-of-age, ghetto-based melodrama examines the diverging prospects of four African-American teenagers (Tip Harris, Jackie Long, Lauren London and Evan Ross Naess) trying to survive on the streets of latter-day Atlanta. Cast includes Mykelti Williamson, Lonette McKee, Keith David, Jazze Pha, Big Boi and Bone Crusher.

The Benchwarmers (PG-13 for profanity and for crude and suggestive humor). Rob Schneider, David Spade, and John Heder star as buddies out to makeup for their unathletic backgrounds as children by forming a three-man baseball team and taking on the best Little Leaguers in the state.

Brick (R for violence and drug use). Missing person mystery about a high school loner (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) intent on solving the case of the disappearance of the ex-girlfriend (Emilie de Ravin) who called him the day before she suddenly vanished. Cast includes Lukas Haas, Meagan Good, Matt O'Leary and Richard Roundtree.

Failure ta Launch (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and partial nudity). Matthew McConaughey stars in this romantic comedy as a live-at-home bachelor who has no idea that his impatient parents (Kathy Bates and Terry Bradshaw) have hired the girl of his dreams (Sarah Jessica Parker) to coax him out of the nest.

Friends with Money (R for sex, expletives and drug use). Female empowerment film about the relationship of a struggling ne'er-do-well (Jennifer Aniston) with three, life-long friends (Joan Cusack, Catherine Keener and Frances McDormand) whose once comfortable marriages are suddenly in crisis.

Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG for coarse language and sexual innuendo). Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Denny Dillon again lend their voices to a variety of prehistoric creatures in this family-oriented, animated sequel set just before the Earth starts to thaw. Replacing Kristen Johnson, Cedric the Entertainer, and Jack Black are Queen Latifah, Jay Leno, and Seann William Scott.

Inside Man (R for profanity and violence). Two-time Oscar-winners Denzel Washington and Jodie Foster co-star in this cat-and-mouse crime caper about a bungled bank robbery which turns into a hostage situation. Top flight cast includes Oscar-nominees Willem Dafoe and Clive Owen, plus Christopher Plummer and Chiwetel Ejiofor.

L'Enfant (R for brief profanity). Coming-of-age drama about an 18 year-old unwed mother (Deborah Francois) whose gangster boyfriend (Jeremie Renier) has second thoughts about selling their newborn baby on the black market rather than facing-up to his parental responsibilities. In French with subtitles.

Lucky Number Slevin (R for sex, expletives and graphic violence). Josh Hartnett handles the title role in this gritty, New York City crime thriller as an unlucky lad who lands in the middle of a mob war being waged between gangs being led by a ruthless rabbi (Ben Kingsley) and a brutal brother (Morgan Freeman). Cast includes Bruce Willis as a renegade assassin, Stanley Tucci as the detective keeping score and Lucy Liu as the girl next door.

The Natoriaus Bettie Page (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Gretchen Mol handles the title role in the bio-pic about the famous, fifties pin-up girl who ended up the subject of a Senate investigation because of her kinky bondage photos.

On a Cleor Day (PG-13 for profanity). Sentimental, mid-life crisis melodrama about a suddenly unemployed 55 year-old, Glasgow dockworker's (Peter Mullan) effort to restore his self-esteem and to cement his relationship with his non-communicative wife (Brenda Blethyn) and estranged son (Jamie Sives) by swimming across the English Channel to France.

R.V. (PG for crude humor, sexual innuendo, and off-color language). Robin Williams and Cheryl Hines star in this road comedy about a dysfunctional family whose cross-country trip to Colorado in a camper turns out to be the summer vacation from Hell.

Scary Movie 4 (PG-13 for sex and expletives, crude humor, and violence). Anna Faris, Regina Hall, Anthony Anderson, Leslie Nielsen, Charlie Sheen, Simon Rex and Carmen Electra return for another round of the horror genre, including spoofs of *Wor of the Worlds*, *The Villoge*, *Sow*, and more.

The Sentinel (PG-13 for intense violence and sensuality). Political potboiler featuring Michael Douglas in the title role as the First Lady's (Kim Basinger) disgraced bodyguard who ends up trying to clear his name while on the run from a couple of fellow Secret Service Agents (Kiefer Sutherland and Eva Longoria) after being framed as the mastermind of a still unfolding plot to assassinate the President (David Rasche) of the United States.

Silent Hill (R for gore, profanity, disturbing images, and violence). Radha Mitchell stars in this horror film about a woman whose seriously-ill daughter (Jodelle Ferland) disappears in a haunted, deserted town they encounter on their way to a faith healer.

Stick It (PG-13 for crude language). Missy Peregrym stars in this sports film as a 17-year-old reformed rebel who returns to gymnastics with the help of a mentor (Jeff Bridges) after a run in with the law.

Take the Lead (PG-13 for profanity, violence, and mature themes). Antonio Banderas stars in this uplifting drama based on the real-life story of a former, professional dancer who volunteered his time to teach ballroom steps to students more interested in hip-hop.

Thonk You for Smoking (R for sex and expletives). Satirical comedy chronicles the efforts of a tobacco lobbyist (Aaron Eckhart) who tries to remain a role model to his 12 year-old son (Cameron Bright) knowing full well that the cigarettes he's promoting are lethal.

Tsotsi (R for profanity and gruesome violence). Adapted from the Athol Fugard novel of the same name, this tale of redemption focuses on the spiritual transformation of a young gang leader (Presley Chweneyagae) during the half-dozen days he cares for an infant he accidentally kidnapped during a carjacking.

United 93 (R for profanity, violence, and intense terror). Dramatic, real-time recreation of the 90-minute flight of the plane hijacked by terrorists on 9/11 which crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to retake the airliner before it could be flown into a target in Washington, D.C. With David Alan Basche as Todd "Let's Roll!" Beamer.

V for Vendetta (R for profanity and graphic violence). Futuristic thriller adapted by the Wachowski Brothers (*The Motrix Trilogy*) from the DC Comics illustrated novel of the same name. Set in a Great Britain defeated in World War III, this sci-fi adventure revolves around the efforts of a masked vigilante (Hugo Weaving) to fight a new form of Fascism via guerilla warfare by teaming up with a young woman (Natalie Portman) whom he rescues from the clutches of the totalitarian government.

The Wild (G). Disney computer-animated feature about the misadventures of a young lion (Greg Cipes) accidentally shipped back to Africa from a New York zoo. Luckily for him, his father assembles a menagerie of pals (including an anaconda, a giraffe, a squirrel, a koala and a wildebeest) who put aside their differences to mount a daring rescue. Voiceovers include William Shatner, Jim Belushi, Janeane Garofalo, and Keifer Sutherland.

—Kam Williams

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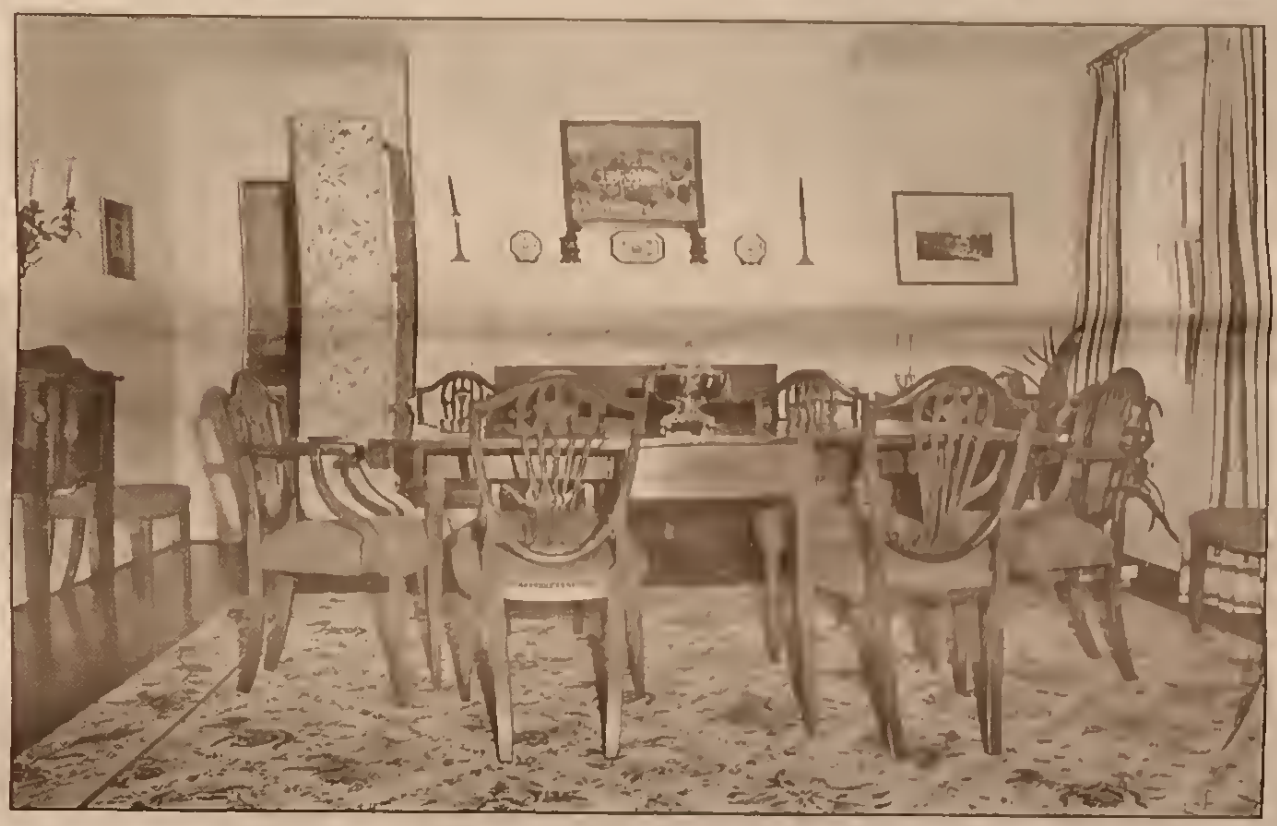

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Sports

PU Men's Lax Edged 4-3 by Cornell; Needs Offense to Start Producing

Last April, the Princeton University men's lacrosse team headed up to Cornell, needing a win to stay alive in the Ivy League race.

It didn't take long for the Big Red to dash those hopes as they scored four goals in the first five minutes on the way to a 17-4 drubbing of the Tigers that officially ended Princeton's streak of 10 straight Ivy crowns.

Last Saturday, Princeton brought a 3-0 Ivy mark into its clash with visiting Cornell (3-1 Ivy), knowing that it could clinch the league's automatic bid to the upcoming NCAA tournament by knocking off the Big Red.

Showing that it was not going to be a pushover, the Princeton defense held fifth-ranked Cornell to just two goals in the first half, sparked by a magnificent seven-save effort by sophomore goalie Alex Hewit.

CRUNCH TIME: Princeton University senior co-captain Ryan Schoenig, right, battles Cornell's Joe Boulukos last Saturday in Princeton's 4-3 loss to the Big Red at Class of 1952 Stadium. The loss dropped ninth-ranked Princeton to 7-4 overall and 3-1 in Ivy League play while No. 5 Cornell improved to 9-2 (4-1 Ivy). The Tigers play at Dartmouth on April 29 and can clinch at least a tie for the title if they top the Big Green and then beat Brown in the regular season finale on May 6. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Unfortunately for Princeton, Cornell's defense was even better, shutting out the Tigers over the first 30 minutes of action.

In the third quarter, Hewit kept up his heroics, making five saves while Princeton broke through with a goal by Jim O'Brien. As the tense contest headed into its final quarter, Princeton grabbed the lead on scores by Mark Kovler and Alex Haynie.

But even Hewit couldn't shut the door on Cornell for the whole half and the Big Red scored two late goals to earn a 4-3 win in a game that had the big hits and drama of an NCAA playoff contest.

In reflecting on the setback, Princeton senior co-captain and star defender Ryan Schoenig was proud of Princeton's stifling defensive effort. "They're a great offensive team," said Schoenig, a 6'2, 215-pound native of Farmingdale, N.Y. "We really focused on stopping their two big offensive studs, [Joe] Boulukos and [Max] Seibald. We had a great defensive concept. We watched a ton of film; we were really prepared."

Schoenig readily admitted that Hewit's performance as the last line of the Princeton defense was key. "Each day, he gets better and better; he never ceases to amaze me," said Schoenig, referring to Hewit, who ended up with 15 saves Saturday and has a sparkling goals against average of 5.87.

"I couldn't be more confident of a goalie back there. Even when we make mistakes, he covers for us. He makes all the saves he's supposed to; we couldn't ask him to do anything more, especially today."

The humble Hewit, for his part, wasn't carried away by his performance which featured several point blank stops.

"I just try to do my job the best I can," said the 5'10, 185-pound Hewit, a native of Chatham, N.J.

"They took quick shots; I didn't have time to think much. I can't say enough about how well our defense has been playing."

An obviously disappointed Princeton head coach Bill Tierney saw his club's defensive effort as a bright spot on an afternoon of missed opportunities.

"We had a lot of switches to make; we rotated to who was covering Boulukos and Seibald," explained a hoarse Tierney, whose club dropped to 7-4 overall and 3-1 in league play. "I don't know what their scoring total was; they're two monsters out there and we held the big guns down. Alex did the rest."

The Hall of Fame coach said that Hewit is on track to go down as one of the best netminders in program history.

"He's up there with Trevor and Bags," asserted Tierney referring to his son, the national goalie of the year in 2001 and Scott Bacigalupo, who was named as the nation's top goalie in 1992, 1993, and 1994. "Alex is in that category, he's an All-American caliber goalie."

Unfortunately for Tierney, nobody on his attack looked like an All-American last Saturday. "We're just not that good offensively," said Tierney flatly. "We have all the plays but they're not worth anything if you can't beat people individually. We don't have guys right now who can beat a guy. If you can't beat a guy, the other stuff doesn't matter."

While Princeton, which is ranked ninth nationally, figures to get into the NCAA tournament even if it doesn't win the Ivy title outright, Tierney knows his club must perk up offensively if it is to make a deep run in the competition.

"We talk about national championships being won on the defensive end; that gives you an opportunity," said Tierney, who has guided Princeton to six national crowns in his storied 19-year tenure. "We have to find a way to score goals. When you're averaging eight goals a game, it's hard to win a national championship."

With Princeton slated to host Rutgers on April 25 before playing at Dartmouth on April 29, Schoenig is confident the Tigers can find the way to produce a big finish.

"I think it's really important that we stay positive," asserted Schoenig. "We can't let this stay with us long, just long enough so we learn from our mistakes. We need to focus on winning our next three games."

—Bill Alden

SUPER SAVER: Princeton University sophomore goalie Alex Hewit prepares to thwart a Cornell shooter last Saturday. Despite a magnificent 15-save effort from Hewit, Princeton fell 4-3 to the Big Red. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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Tiger Women's Lax Routed By Dartmouth, Needs to Show Heart to Clinch Ivy Crown

Things haven't come easy for the Princeton University women's lacrosse team as it has risen to the top of the Ivy League this spring.

The Tigers have been cardiac kids, having trailed or been tied at the half of its last four Ivy games before finding a way to prevail each time over the second 30 minutes.

Bringing an 8-4 overall record and a 5-0 league mark into its clash against visiting Dartmouth (4-2 Ivy) last Saturday, Princeton needed to eke out one more Ivy win to clinch the title and an automatic bid to the upcoming NCAA tournament.

So when Princeton fell behind the Big Green 3-0 in a downpour, the Tigers didn't panic. Princeton head coach Chris Saller called a timeout, a move that has sparked recent comebacks.

But on this day, it was Dartmouth that had the heart as it raced around and through Princeton to build its lead to 9-0. Ashley Amo scored a goal late in the half to get Princeton on the scoreboard before a much-needed intermission.

The Tigers hit the field for the second half with yelps and energy but it became clear that there wasn't going to be another dramatic rally as Dartmouth started the half with a 5-1 run to put the game out of reach.

In assessing the damage after the 15-5 loss, Saller found no consolation in the fact that her club could still clinch the league title with a win at Brown this Saturday.

"It's been a painful day," said a glum Saller, who got two goals from Katie Lewis-Lamonica and one apiece from Amo, Jamie Sundheim, and Sarah Steele.

"That performance was unacceptable across the board. We didn't come out to play on a day when we could have wrapped up the Ivy title; to give that kind of effort was inexcusable."

Saller acknowledged that her team's penchant for leaving it late caught up with it on Saturday. "We've basically been getting by; not making the improvements we would have liked to have made," said Saller, whose team edged Penn 8-7 last Wednesday to push its winning streak to six.

"All of that culminated today; that's an issue we have to address."

In fact, Saller said her team should take a page out of the book of nemesis Dartmouth, which has handed Princeton eight of its 10 Ivy losses over the last 14 seasons.

"As bad as we were, I think you have to give credit to Dartmouth; they just came out with the hustle and attitude," said a frowning Saller, whose team is tied with Cornell at the top of the Ivy standings but holds the tiebreaker having beaten the Big Red earlier in the season.

"It was clear that they were going to make a statement and they did. We'll be able to use their play as an example for what we want to do."

Saller is hoping the Tigers can recapture the fire they displayed earlier in the season when they posted some impressive wins.

"I think our best games were against Loyola and Penn State," said Saller. "I think for us, it is more of a matter of heart and attitude and leadership; doing what we know we can do out there."

—Bill Alden

GREEN WAVE: Princeton University junior attacker Kathleen Miller, center, finds the going tough in Princeton's 15-5 loss to the Big Green last Saturday. Miller, the Tigers' leading scorer, was held without a point in the contest as Princeton fell to 8-5 overall and 5-1 in Ivy League play.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

JAMIE'S CRYING': Princeton University senior attacker Jamie Sundheim races up the field on her way to a one-goal effort in the Tigers' 15-5 loss to visiting Dartmouth last Saturday. Despite the setback, Princeton can still win the Ivy League title and an automatic bid to the upcoming NCAA tournament if it wins at Brown this Saturday. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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ON THE BALL: Princeton University senior star Amanda Erickson, right, handles a throw in recent action. Last Monday, Erickson went 5-for-7 at the plate to help Princeton sweep Dartmouth 2-1 and 5-0 to clinch the Ivy League title. The crown is Princeton's second straight and fourth in the the last five years. The Tigers, 26-15 overall and 12-2 in the Ivies, have a doubleheader at Villanova on April 27, host St. John's for a twinbill on April 29, and then play two at St. Joseph's on April 30. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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Tiger Men's Golf Wins Ivy Title

Rebounding from a first round deficit, the Princeton University men's golf team edged Columbia by one stroke last weekend to win the Ivy League Championships in a three-round competition held at the Ballyowen Golf Club in Vernon, N.J.

Princeton trailed Columbia by two shots after the first round but rallied to take a four-shot lead into the third and final round Sunday. The Tigers gave back three strokes but held on to win at +31.

Jason Gerken was Princeton's top individual finisher, placing fourth at 6-over. Andrew Maliniak ended up tied for sixth at +8 while Jesse Dixon and John Sawin tied for ninth at 10-over.

The win marked the program's third straight Ivy crown and 19th since the tournament began in 1975. Princeton will next be in action when it competes in the Cavalier Classic in Charlottesville, Va. from April 29-30.

PU Women's Hockey Names Co-Captains

Juniors Kim Pearce and Laura Watt were named last week as the team captains for the 2006-07 Princeton University women's ice hockey team.

Pearce is coming off a junior season in which she led the Tigers in scoring with 41 points, bringing her career total to 93 points in 95 games. Pearce was named the Ivy League Player of the Year and was a first-team All-ECAC Hockey League selection.

Watt was also a first-team ECACHL selection as she tied for second among league defensemen in scoring. Her 21 points ranked her sixth on the team in scoring and second among the team's blueliners. Watt quarterbacked the Tiger power play as 17 of her 21 points came with the man advantage.

Tiger Men's Hockey Names Powe Captain

Junior Darroll Powe was named last week as the team captain for the 2006-07 Princeton University men's hockey team.

Powe, who served as an assistant captain on the 2005-06 team, scored 16 points last season on six goals and 10 assists. Those 16 points exactly doubled his total from his previous two seasons as Powe now has 32 career points.

"Darroll is not only a player's player but also a captain's captain," said Princeton head coach Guy Gadowsky. "His work ethic and commitment is at the absolute highest level. He is a great player whose effort and attitude is infectious. Darroll has gained the highest level of respect from every player and staff member that is a part of Princeton Hockey."

PU Wrestling Coach To Step Down

Michael New, the head coach of the Princeton University wrestling program since the 1998-99 season, is stepping down from his post at the end of the current academic year.

New, an All-Ivy wrestler at Cornell in the early 1990s, helped rebuild the Tiger varsity program after it had to rely on alumni contributions in the mid-1990s to stay afloat. One of New's most memorable accomplishments in his Princeton tenure came in his development of Greg Parker, who made it to the NCAA finals in 2002.

"Both the Princeton wrestling alumni and I thank Michael New for all of his efforts over the last decade towards our wrestling program," said Princeton Director of Athletics Gary Walters. "His enthusiasm and hard work helped resuscitate varsity wrestling at Princeton University." A national search for New's successor is currently underway.

PU Women's Golf Third in Ivy Tourney

Led by Susannah Aboff, the Princeton University women's golf team took third last weekend at the Ivy League Championships at Vernon, N.J. in a competition shortened one round by the rainy conditions.

The rain took away Princeton's shot at making up a nine-stroke deficit as the competition ended after 27 holes on Saturday with Yale at +56, Harvard at +61, and the Tigers at 65-over. Aboff tied for sixth with a score of 14-over while Sharla Cloutier was 10th at +17 and Marlowe Boukis tied for 11th at 17-over.

PU Women's Water Polo Wins Southern Crown

Jazmin Brown and Samantha Shaughnessy led the way as the Princeton University women's water polo team topped Maryland 13-4 last Saturday at DeNunzio Pool to win the Southern Championship.

Brown and Shaughnessy each scored three goals while goalie Natalie Kim made 11 saves. The 20th-ranked Tigers, now 18-5 on the season, will next be in action when they compete in the Eastern Championships from April 29-30 at Providence, R.I.

EYEING A TITLE: Princeton University senior star Andrew Salini readies himself for an at-bat in recent action. Salini and his teammates split doubleheaders with Penn on Sunday and Monday to stay atop the Ivy League's Gehrig Division race. Princeton, which started 0-7 in Ivy play, now has a league mark of 7-9, one game ahead of Cornell (6-10) in the Gehrig standings. In upcoming action, the Tigers, 12-21-1 overall, face two critical doubleheaders with Cornell, playing two at Ithaca on April 28 before hosting a twinbill on April 30. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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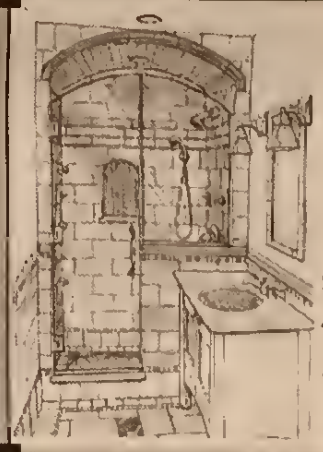

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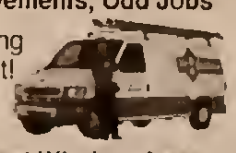

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Polakoff's Emergence as Offensive Threat Sparking PHS Boys' Lax to Sizzling Start

Last spring, Brandon Polakoff saw some action as a freshman on the Princeton High boys' lacrosse team but he showed rookie jitters as he wasn't always in the right place on the field.

The powerful Polakoff, however, didn't wait long this season to show that he now knows his spot in the crease area as he fired in three goals to help PHS edge Christian Brothers 6-5 in the season opener earlier this month.

Last week, Polakoff gave graphic evidence of his growing confidence as he scored four goals to lead the way as the Little Tigers rallied to pull out a 7-6 overtime thriller against powerful Moorestown and improve to 6-0 on the season.

A beaming Polakoff acknowledged that he has learned a lot from his struggles last spring. "I used to not know where to go; the coaches have really helped me and I know all that stuff now," said Polakoff, who scored his fourth goal of the day with 3:52 to knot the contest at 6-6 and force overtime. "I worked on my running in the offseason; that really helped me. Lacrosse is my full-time thing; I love the sport.

PHS collectively showed some nerves as it found itself trailing Moorestown 4-1 midway through the second quarter of the April 18 contest.

"I felt like everyone had butterflies at the start but we came back with confidence," recalled Polakoff, who scored two goals in the second quarter to help PHS pull even 4-4 at the half. "We feed off of each other; when people start to feel good, everyone feels good."

Polakoff certainly feels good about working together with junior Tyler Moni and senior David Giancola on the PHS attack.

"For me personally, working with Tyler Moni and David Giancola is the greatest thing," asserted Polakoff. "I couldn't ask for more; I'm going to miss them when I'm a senior. On and off the field, they are telling me what to do to get better."

The combination of Giancola-Moni-Polakoff clicked on the game-tying goal late in the fourth period. "We were in transition and 'GC' [Ginacola] gave it to Tyler and he made a great pass to me," said Polakoff. "I looked at my spot in the goal and I fired it in."

PHS head coach Peter Stanton like the way Polakoff has matured into a scoring force for his club. "We just made a change Monday; we started playing Brandon behind the goal more," explained Stanton, whose club ultimately prevailed on a Kyle Novak goal in the second overtime period. "For him to be able to make that change without any hesitancy shows that he is a mentally tough competitor."

The Little Tigers showed a tough competitive streak as they rose to the challenge presented by Moorestown, a perennial state contender.

"We took a little rest over Easter," explained Stanton. "We had four days off; we were fit and we were healthy. We were ready to be tested. In the first period we had some nice opportunities and we were playing well defensively. We had a couple of turnovers and missed slides, we just needed to execute better."

The Little Tigers got good execution from midfielder Karl Fries, who excelled on faceoffs and scored a critical third period goal, and tenacious goaltender Sam Finnell.

"Karl had a really athletic goal for us," said Stanton, whose club showed its athleticism even in defeat as it fell 7-6 last Friday to nationally-ranked Lawrenceville. "Karl does everything for us; he plays good midfield defense and he gets involved offensively. Sam made some saves under pressure; those were tough saves."

Stanton is confident that his team can keep playing tough lacrosse. "So much of high school sports, and any sports for that matter, is momentum," said Stanton, whose club hosts Hopewell Valley on April 26 before playing at North Hunterdon on April 28 and at Allentown on May 1.

"Momentum is just a mental state; you believe you can do something. You get a little success and you have more confidence for the next one."

Polakoff, for his part, believes PHS has developed plenty of self confidence. "It's great to play on this team," asserted Polakoff. "I was a nervous wreck coming into the season but I had three goals in the first game and my confidence went up. Right now we're leading the Pitt Division and we're just confident every time we're on the field."

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YOUNG GUN: Princeton High sophomore attacker Brandon Polakott fights past a Moorestown defender on his way to atour-goal performance in PHS' 7-6 overtime win. Polakoff's emergence this spring as a top scoring threat has helped PHS get off to a 6-1 start. In upcoming action, the Little Tigers host Hopewell Valley on April 26 before playing at North Hunterdon on April 28 and at Allentown on May 1. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

FACE-TO-FACE: Princeton High senior goalie Sam Finnell faces down a Moorestown shooter in PHS' 7-6 overtime victory last Wednesday. Finnell recorded 11 saves in the win.

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Sharpshooting Loy Wearing Out the Nets As Hun Boys' Lacrosse Produces 6-0 Start

The lacrosse goal in Matt Loy's backyard must be tattered by now.

Spending countless hours over the last few years honing his shot in his home sessions, the senior attacker from the Hun School is stamping himself as one of the best marksman seen in recent years in local lacrosse circles.

Coming into this season with more than 200 points in his Hun career, Loy has taken his game to an even higher level in his senior campaign, having tallied 33 goals in his first six games to lead the Raiders to a 6-0 start.

IN STRIDE: Hun School junior attacker Colin Rosenblum races up the field in recent action. Last Friday, Rosenblum fired in two goals to help Hun to a 17-10 win over crosstown rival Princeton Day School. Hun, which has started 2006 by winning six straight games, will look to keep rolling as it plays at WW/P-S on April 27 before hosting Hill on April 29. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Last Friday, Loy and the Raiders got off to a slow start against Princeton Day School, trailing 3-2 after the first period. But with Loy finding the range and ending up with six goals and an assist, Hun pulled away for a 17-10 triumph and its sixth straight win in 2006.

In assessing his effort, Loy acknowledged that he had to figure out a way to deal with the extra attention he was getting from the scrappy PDS defense.

"They were trying to shut me off a little bit and I was expecting it," said Loy. "I felt the best way to get my shot off would be to take it on out-of-bounds plays. I started doing that; I also set picks and tried to clear out for the guys as best I could."

In addition to Loy's scoring output against PDS, Hun got two goals apiece from Colin Rosenblum, A.J. Blackburn, Stosh Marziarz and Nick Thypin-Bermeo with Joe Deane, Jake Ballarotto, and Sam Thypin-Bermeo adding one each.

It was no easy task to clear things out against an inspired PDS team that desperately wanted to upset its crosstown rival.

"They came out with more heart than any team I've seen," said Loy. "We were off on our faceoffs today and weren't hustling for the ground balls, I think coach [Greg Provenzano] said it best, we didn't feel a sense of urgency until later in the game."

UNSTOPPABLE: Hun School senior star Matt Loy, right, eludes a Voorhees defender on his way to a five-goal performance last Wednesday in Hun's 14-6 victory. Two days later, Loy tallied six goals in Hun's 17-10 win at Princeton Day School. Loy now has a team-leading 33 goals for the 6-0 Raiders. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Loy, for his part, has been feeling a sense of urgency all spring as he culminates his sparkling Hun career. "I've been feeling it this year; it has been a great year," asserted a grinning Loy, who will be playing on the college level at Penn State. "We only graduated a few seniors from last year so we have almost a full team back. Things are really clicking, we're really playing together."

The arrival of new head coach Provenzano has helped jump start the Hun offense. "Coach P has been great, we have a new offense," asserted Loy. "He lets us be players; he allows us a lot of freedom on the field. If something is not working, we can let him know, he'll listen, and change it."

With Hun playing at WW/P-N on April 25 and at WW/P-S on April 27 before hosting Hill on April 29, Loy is hoping things will keep working. "We're trying to keep it going as best we can," said Loy. "I think it's a special team and we could have a special year."

And with the state Prep A playoffs looming in early May, Loy and his teammates are hopeful of getting a shot at nationally-ranked archrival Lawrenceville.

"We've been talking about that since day one, we're hoping to play them in the state tournament," asserted Loy. "We'd like nothing more than that game."

If that matchup takes place, Hun will need Loy to keep wearing out the goal if it is to produce a truly special result.

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Hun Girls' Lacrosse Edged by Lawrenceville; Battling Spirit Bodes Well for Homestretch

It was the kind of situation that may have deflated the Hun School girls' lacrosse team in past seasons.

Playing at powerful Lawrenceville last week, Hun found itself trailing the Big Red 14-9 midway through the second half.

But showing no fear, the Raiders went on a 4-1 run to cut the Lawrenceville lead to 15-13 with just under three minutes left in the contest.

With the tension escalating, Hun scrapped for the draws and outscored the Big Red 2-1 in the last minute but ran out of time as it ended up dropping a 16-15 nailbiter.

Hun senior star Mary Stinson, who fired in four goals and handled the draw duties, was proud of how the Raiders kept battling.

"I think we knew how well we could play against them because we had played them in the preseason and it was a close game," said Stinson, managing a smile as she reflected on the defeat which was Hun's second straight after a 5-0 start.

"We were never intimidated as we've been in the past. Sometimes in a game there just isn't enough time. I think the momentum was swinging back our way; we just waited a little too long."

The 6'0 Stinson, a four-year starter on the Hun basketball team, has changed the momentum in Hun's favor a lot this spring as she has transformed herself from a supporting player into a shooting star.

"As a senior and a captain, I felt the need to step up," asserted Stinson, who scored 35 goals in Hun's first seven outings this season.

"We were losing so many offensive threats from last year and everybody needed to take new roles this year. I've been more aggressive on the offensive end; my mentality has changed towards scoring."

Hun head coach Lauren Provenzano is looking for her team to collectively develop a more aggressive mentality on offense.

"I think we have a tendency to set up plays rather than taking a fast break and challenging the other team," said a rueful Provenzano, who got four goals from Claire Halliday and two from Bridget Stinson, Mary's younger sister. "We did do that in the end and you saw the results that came from that. I've told them you've got to go to goal."

Still, Provenzano had no qualms about the effort she got from her players as they pushed Lawrenceville to the brink.

"Even the refs came up and said what a game," said Provenzano, whose club lost another tight contest last Friday when it fell 15-13 to Hopewell Valley. "It was a great game. I don't take anything away from Lawrenceville; they played well and so did we. I'm pleased; I just wish we had a little more time."

Provenzano is confident her club will make the best of its time remaining this spring. "I can't be disappointed," added Provenzano, whose club hosts Peddie on April 27, plays at Kent Place on April 29, and then hosts WW/P-N on May 1. "I know we'll see them again and I'm not worried."

Stinson, for her part, is not worried about Hun's prospects this spring. "Games like this are perfect to play," asserted Stinson. "I think you learn the most from tough competition. The more good teams you play, the better you're going to become. You don't know how good you are until you play the top teams. We're coming on well; I think we'll only be getting better."

—Bill Alden

STEPPING UP: Hun School senior star Mary Stinson races up the field in recent action. Stinson has gone from a supporting role earlier in her career to a top scorer this spring, having notched 39 goals in Hun's first eight games. In upcoming action, the Raiders, off to a 5-3 start, host Peddie on April 27, play at Kent Place on April 29, and then host WW/P-N on May 1.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Hun Softball Shows Spirit in Win Over PDS Hopes to Hustle Its Way to Strong Finish

The Hun School softball team didn't act like a team that had lost four of its first five games this spring as it took the field last Thursday against visiting Princeton Day School.

The walls of the Raider dugout rang with chatter and the club wasted little time jumping on a PDS team that came into the day with a sparkling 5-1 record.

With Alex Their and Alyssa Fares leading off the first inning with back-to-back singles, Hun proceeded to send seven batters to the plate, taking a 2-0 lead on a single by Chrissy Thomas.

In the third, Hun added two more runs as Morgan Cawley cracked a double to plate one and then scored on a sacrifice by Christina Zimmerman.

The Raiders tacked on two more runs in the fifth and then exploded for six in the sixth to win 12-2 in a game ended by the 10-run rule.

Hun head coach Kathy Quirk was relieved to see her team break through as it scored as many runs Thursday as it had in its five games combined.

"We needed this win," said Quirk. "We knew that they have been playing well and their pitcher [Nicole Auerbach] has been strong. We've been practicing our hitting; practicing our bunting.

In Quirk's view, the team's win was the product of more than a focus on fundamentals. "I told them yesterday that the enthusiasm has to come from within," added Quirk. "You have to bring that enthusiasm everyday to the field."

The veteran coach acknowledged that her club's quick start Thursday helped spark the enthusiasm. "We got confidence getting two runs in the first inning," said Quirk, whose team built on the win over PDS with a 9-2 victory over archrival Lawrenceville a day later to improve to 3-4. "The momentum just kept on going."

Hun got contributions all over the field. "They all played well," said Quirk with a smile. "Chrissy Thomas came up big, she had three hits. Moran Cawley had a great defensive game at third base. Fares came in with a big catch at shortstop. Nikki Caplinger did a nice job on the mound; she had been 0-2 and I thought she threw the ball today with confidence."

Rightfielder Kristen Klein, though, best exemplified the spirit and execution that Quirk feels her team needs to get on the right track.

"Kristen is usually not a starter," said Quirk. "Yesterday in practice she gave me so much. I told her it's not always the talent that's going to win a game; it's desire. When I told her she was starting, she smiled from ear-to-ear. She came up with two big hits today on the slaps."

With her team hosting Blair on April 26 and Pennington on April 27 before playing at Blair on May 1 and then hosting Rutgers Prep on May 2, Quirk is putting a premium on desire.

"I'm putting out the kids that hustle," asserted Quirk. "We're still looking for that solid nine. Today they played extremely well. It was a great win."

—Bill Alden

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PDS Softball Continues to Progress; Aims to Produce More Breakthroughs

Showing the pluck that has marked its play this spring, the Princeton Day School softball team used a late rally Thursday to earn a hard-fought 6-5 win at Princeton High.

Less than 24 hours later, PDS brought its 5-1 record across town in the other direction to face perennial nemesis Hun.

Perhaps drained a bit from its battle with PHS, the Panthers looked sluggish in the first inning, falling behind Hun 2-0.

PDS cut the margin in half on a Meg Francfort RBI single an inning later. But faltering on the routine plays and unable to advance the runners it got on base, the Panthers absorbed a 12-2 loss, its first lopsided defeat of the season.

In reflecting on the setback, PDS head coach Holly Fewkes acknowledged that her club wasn't at its sharpest.

"We didn't make the plays we're used to making," said Fewkes. "I think that we learned today that if we make the routine plays we can be in any game."

Fewkes was heartened by the way her charges battled at the plate. "I was thrilled with our batting today," said Fewkes.

"We put the ball in play. [Nikki] Caplinger is a good pitcher and I think we had only one strikeout in the game; we never gave in. Cait [McPhaden] got on base the most but Emma [Morehouse], Elisa [Cichonski], and Meg had some hard-hit balls too."

While junior pitching star Nicole Auerbach didn't have her best stuff against Hun, Fewkes has plenty of confidence in her ace.

"She is our only pitcher and I rely on her a lot," added Fewkes. "She'll be pitching every game for us; she has the strength to do that. She already has more than 60 strikeouts and she had back-to-back shutouts against Newark Academy and Blair."

With her club having already surpassed last season's win total of four, Fewkes thinks her team is hitting its stride.

"I'm thrilled with our progress," asserted Fewkes, who is in her first year as the team's head coach after serving four years as an assistant. "We have a great record and we've beaten some tough teams to get that record."

While PDS faces some tough tests in upcoming action as it hosts Rutgers Prep on April 28 and Timothy Christian on May 1 before playing at Pennington on May 1, Fewkes is confident her team will keep progressing.

"I'm excited about the next few weeks," said Fewkes. "We have some great wins already and I think we're going to have some more."

—Bill Alden

PLAYMAKER: Princeton Day School senior shortstop Cait McPhaden, left, reaches to make a putout in action last season. This spring, McPhaden's production at the plate and leadership in the field has sparked PDS to a 5-2 start. In upcoming action, the Panthers host Rutgers Prep on April 28 and Timothy Christian on May 1 before playing at Pennington on May 1.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PDS Boys' Lax Battles Hard in Loss to Hun, Vows to Be Competitive in Prep B Tourney

Mired in a three-game losing streak, the Princeton Day School boys' lacrosse team didn't figure to give undefeated Hun much of a challenge last Friday.

But with rugged senior midfielder David Blitzer dominating on the faceoffs and the Panthers chasing down groundballs all over the field, PDS took a 3-2 lead after the first quarter.

As the teams headed for their benches after the quarter, the Panther players were jumping up and down and hollering while the Hun players bowed their heads as they somberly assessed the situation.

PDS' wave of emotion, though, wasn't enough to carry it through as Hun outscored the Panthers 6-2 in the second quarter to take an 8-5 lead into halftime. While PDS never stopped scrapping, it ultimately fell 17-10 to the Raiders, dropping to 2-4 on the season.

PDS head coach Pete Higgins was proud of his club's gritty effort. "We came out hard," said Higgins. "We're the little dogs that bite; we could upset you if you don't come ready to play. We're the smallest school in the Bianchi Division and the other teams don't always take us seriously."

Higgins acknowledged that his team's failure to keep its edge in groundballs doomed it to defeat. "I'm constantly looking at that groundball stat," said Higgins. "It was going that way for us but at the end of the first and the beginning of the second, we had a lack of it. Against a team like Hun, if you're not controlling that, they'll move it on the ground balls and they will beat you on the transition game."

Despite the score, Higgins had high praise for his senior goalie, Garrett Helm. "I thought our goalie played great," asserted Higgins, referring to Helm who recorded 13 saves in the contest.

"Garrett is the most consistent player right now for us and goalies only get better as the season goes on. He's been the most consistent player game-to-game; he's had some really great games."

PDS is looking for its attack, which is led by senior Pat Briody, to develop a little more consistency. "Pat is playing well," said Higgins. "When he clicks with Freddy [Mittnacht] and Joey [Horowitz], we can really get going on attack."

While PDS may take some lumps as it hosted WW/P-S on April 25 and Ranney School on April 28 before playing at Montgomery on April 29, Higgins believes that such tests will help his team in the long run.

"My thing is that we're still scrapping in Prep B," said Higgins, referring to the tournament which starts in early May. "We have to keep going to the hole and keep the game out of transition. We like how we stay competitive. I coach highly motivated kids, watch out for us."

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LOCAL SPORTS

Princeton Little League Recent Results

In action last Sunday in the Princeton Little League majors division, the University Radiology White Sox won their first game of the season beating the previously undefeated Corporate Synergy Phillies 6-0 behind the stellar pitching of Chris Harwood.

Harwood threw a five-inning no hitter, striking out 12 in the process. Will Greenberg came in to strike out the side in the sixth inning.

The pair also starred at the plate as Greenberg chipped in a single, double, and triple while Harwood banged out an RBI double and completed the White Sox' scoring with an inside the park homer. Ian Finnen and Alex Kim shared the pitching duties for the Phillies.

In a game last Wednesday, the McCaffrey's Dodgers topped the White Sox 4-2 as Peter Schulman pitched 3 scoreless innings while Stephen Sipprelle picked up the save.

Tee to Green Club Young Outing May 6

The Tee To Green Golf Club will be holding its first annual Pete Young Sr. Memorial Golf Outing on May 6 at the Princeton Country Club.

Young was a founder of the Tee To Green Club, a social organization started six years ago to promote fun through the game and camaraderie between its members. Young was a staunch community activist who had a positive impact on youth through sports.

The golf outing will start at 8 a.m. and will utilize the Two-Man scramble format. There will be a dinner following the event at the Masonic Temple on 30 MacLean Street in Princeton.

The entry fee is $110 per golfer with businesses and individuals encouraged to be sponsors for amounts ranging from $50 to $500. For more information about the event, call Freddy Young at (609) 393-4595; Leighton Newlin at (609) 731-6576; Roland Snead at (609) 278-4336; or Tommy Williams at (609) 915-5231.

May 7 Open House To Honor Jordan

Friends and supporters of recently deceased Bayard Jordan, a legend in Princeton tennis circles, are holding an open house on May 7 at the Princeton Indoor Tennis Center on Washington Road in Princeton Junction as a kick-off to a scholarship fund to be created in Jordan's name.

The event, called "Remembering Bayard Jordan," will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. On-court activities are planned and a book will be available for people to recount their favorite memories of Jordan. There will also be a video presentation and refreshments will be served.

All donations will go toward a perpetual scholarship fund to help children learn to play tennis in a camp experience. Donations may be mailed to the Princeton Tennis Program, 1330 Route 206, Village Shopper Plaza, Skillman, N.J. 08558. Applications will be available at the May 7 event and through the Princeton Tennis Program at (609) 924-4343.

Jordan, who died this past January, was a janitor at Princeton University for 37 years and was committed to making tennis accessible to all. He was a fixture at the Community Park courts and taught countless people how to play the game, espousing a philosophy based on doing one's best and playing fair. Jordan was inducted into the Mercer County Tennis Hall of Fame in 1996.

Patriots Baseball Split Two Last Week

The Princeton Patriots 12-and-under baseball team split two games last week in opening action in the Central Jersey Weekday League, losing to Hillsborough 10-7 while defeating Montgomery 7-3.

In the loss to Hillsborough, the Patriots were led by RaShon Carr, who had 3 hits, while Joe Clancy and Nate Ash chipped in two hits each. In the win over Montgomery, Beau Horan and Joe Clancy each contributed 2 hits.

Both games inaugurated play on a new extended baseball diamond (70 foot base paths, 50 feet from rubber to home plate) at Grover Park which was provided through the Princeton Recreation Department.

Post 218 Baseball Holding Junior, Senior Tryouts

The Princeton American Legion Post 218 baseball program will be conducting tryouts for its senior (ages 14-19) and junior (ages 14-17) baseball teams on Sunday, April 30 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Valley Road Field in Princeton.

"Candidates for the teams must be residents of Princeton or Cranbury and/or attending Princeton or Cranbury schools including Princeton Day School and Hun School.

For more information, contact Paul Horan at (609) 921-5257 or at princeton post218albc@yahoo.com.

Men's Summer Hoops Meeting Now on May 4

The Princeton Recreation Department will host a managers' meeting for its men's summer basketball league on May 4 at 6:30 p.m., rescheduling it from the original May 2 date.

The meeting will be held in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Princeton Recreation office located at 380 Witherspoon Street.

Anyone interested in entering a team into the league must attend the meeting. For more information, contact Ben Stentz at (609) 921-9480 or by e-mail at stentz@princeton-township.nj.us

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OBITUARIES

Robert Williams

Robert Williams, 80, of Princeton, died April 16 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Princeton, he was a lifelong resident.

He was a graduate of the Witherspoon School and Princeton High School.

He was a waiter who retired from the Nassau Inn in 1982 and later worked at the Peacock Inn and The Annex.

A jogger, he walked for exercise during his later years. He was also an outspoken advocate of human rights.

He was predeceased by his parents, James and Herbertine Dower Williams; five brothers, James, Leroy, Clarence, Cortland "Hankie", and Paul; a sister, Evelyn W. Craig; and a grandchild, Michelle Cook. He is survived by his wife, Inez; a son, Robert of Virginia Beach, Va.; a daughter, Karen Brooks of Princeton; a brother, John of Denver, Colo.; and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was April 22 at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Carlton E. Branscomb officiating.

Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

James H. Stevenson III

James H. Stevenson III, 70, of West Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of Princeton, died suddenly April 14 at home.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., to the late James and Elizabeth Stevenson, he resided in Philadelphia until 1981 when he moved to Princeton. He moved to West Palm Beach in 1991.

He was a graduate of the Haverford School in 1953 and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1960.

While serving two years in the U.S. Army he was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

He was the retired President of Stevenson Bros. & Co. in Philadelphia, founded by his great-grandfather in 1863. In Princeton he worked at the Princeton University Library and acted with local companies in movies and commercial productions.

In Palm Beach, he was active socially as an avid bridge player and dancer. He traveled extensively, most recently this past fall to Russia with the Four Arts Society of Palm Beach to celebrate his 70th birthday.

He was a member of the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania, Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Screen Actors Guild.

Predeceased by a son, James "Haze" IV in 1991, he is survived by his former wife, G.G. Meredith S. Smith of South Portland, Maine; a daughter, G. Gouverneur "Vivi" Stevenson Miller of Fairview, Tenn.; a sister, Landis Eaton of Princeton; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held today, April 26, at Bethesda-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Palm Beach at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Covenant House Florida, 733 Breakers Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33304; or to The Hun School of Princeton, Princeton 08540, in memory of Haze Stevenson.

Timothy J. Baker

Timothy J. Baker, 58, of Princeton, died April 21 at the University Medical Center at Princeton, of pancreatic cancer.

Born in London, he lived in Princeton Township for 23 years.

He received his Ph.D. in mathematics from Cambridge University. As a senior research scientist at Princeton University, his work contributed to increasing the aerodynamic efficiency of airplanes.

He served for several years as chair of the steering committee of Boy Scout Troop 43. An avid gardener and tennis player, he also swam throughout his life. He was in the UK national trials as a teenager and swam competitively as an undergraduate.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; two sons, Martin and Ralph; and two sisters, Miranda and Penelope.

The funeral service will be this Friday, April 28 at 2 p.m. at Nassau Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 7000, El Segundo, Calif. 90245.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Kimble Funeral Home.

Jonn Fiabane

Jonn Fiabane, 92, of Princeton, died April 19 at Acorn Glen Assisted Living Residence.

Born in Dortmund, Germany, he grew up in Feltre, Italy, where he was trained as a cabinet maker.

He served in the Italian Elite Alpine Division during World War II and immigrated to the U.S. in 1949 with his wife and three children.

He was a member of Local 783 of the Carpenters Union, Roma Eterna Society, and Italian American Sportsmen Club.

Predeceased by his wife, Virginia, he is survived by a daughter, Carla Olsen of Griggstown; two sons, Dino of Cherry Hill and Bruno of Lawrenceville; a brother, Quinto of Feltre, Italy; and five grandchildren.

A private viewing was held April 21 at the Kimble Funeral Home followed by a memorial mass at St. Paul's Church.

Ernest H. Winter Jr.

Col. Ernest H. Winter Jr., Ret., 85, of Lawrence Township, died suddenly April 18.

Born in Orange, he graduated from The Lawrenceville School in 1940 and from Williams College in 1950.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 and attended Officers Candidate School. He fought in Europe as an artillery officer during World War II and was awarded the Silver Star for valor. After the war, he served in Germany, Saudi Arabia, and several posts in the United States. He was in the Army for 26 years.

Following his retirement, he was director of alumni affairs for the Lawrenceville School.

He was a member of Trinity Church, Springdale Golf Club, and the Nassau Club. His great enthusiasms were his family, golf, and his late beloved poodle, Laddie.

Predeceased by a son, Bruce, he is survived by his wife, Mary-Ann; two children, Hilary Winter of Princeton and John Winter of Hamilton Township; a brother, Bruce B. Winter of Sarasota, Fla. ; and a grandson.

The funeral service was private. Burial was in Lawrenceville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may made to The Lawrenceville School.

Margarethe V. Fitzell

Margarethe (Grete) V. Fitzell, 85, of Penns Neck, formerly of Princeton, died April 20 at home.

She was born in Romania, an Austrian citizen. She left her native Vienna in 1947 with her American husband to live in Princeton. After seven years in the Princeton area, she moved to Williamstown, Mass., returning to New Jersey in 1957, where she resided in Penns Neck for the past 49 years.

She was employed at Princeton University for more than 30 years, retiring at age 71 to spend time with her grandson.

She is survived by a daughter, Dorrit E. Fitzell of West Windsor; two sons, Eduard of Lawrenceville and John of Coopersburg, Pa.; and one grandson.

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